

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-989)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #6
CLEVELAND DIVISION
(PREPARATION OF SUMMARY REPORTS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: February 8, 1952

Security Index

Re SAC Letter #95, Series 1951, dated September 22, 1951.

A study in this division of the time utilized in preparing summary reports under the provisions of referenced SAC letter suggests that considerable agents' time in preparing, and agents' and stenographers' time in dictation of these reports could be saved if one copy of each previous investigative report could be made available for clipping by the reporting agent.

The agent reviewing previous investigative reports which are to be incorporated into the instant summary report would check the appropriate paragraphs which he intended to use in the summary report. These could later be clipped and stapled to separate sheets of paper. These sheets in turn would be arranged chronologically according to the sources under the appropriate summary report captions. In addition, information concerning the T number to be assigned to the informant, the identity of the informant, agent receiving the information, date received, location of original serial, and other helpful information might be added to the margin to assist in preparing the Administrative Page. It is felt that this procedure would save time in the following ways:

1. Agents' time in preparing dictation would be materially reduced since he would not have to copy into his dictation notes the paragraphs which he wished to use in his summary.
2. Agents' dictation time would be reduced because much of the material clipped could be copied just as if it were a rough draft.
3. Stenographers' time would be saved in taking the dictation and much of the typing which results would be copy work rather than transcription from shorthand.

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In connection with the above recommendations, it is recognized that paragraphs which do not conform to the present standards of report writing could not be used or if used might require minor insertions to correct. Also, this procedure would only be followed in cases where there would be a material saving of time. Of course, only investigative reports would be utilized for clipping where additional copies remained in the possession of the office.

In view of the considerable time which can be saved, this office will follow the above outlined procedure UACB.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-350886)

DATE: December 26, 1956

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23165)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INDEX

RE SAC letter #56-56(L), dated 10-30-56, containing instructions with regard to the reconstruction of the Communist Index, and Bulet to Albany, 11-23-56.

- This is to advise that the instructions set forth in referenced SAC letter and Bureau letter to Albany have been complied with and the Cleveland Division's Communist Index has been reconstructed. The Cleveland Division's Communist Index now contains 377 individuals' names.

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SAC, Albany

November 23, 1956

JEA Director, FBI (100-358086)

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated October 30, 1956, containing instructions with regard to the reconstruction of the Communist Index.

In the past, field office files have been stamped "CI" on the front cover to designate those subjects of main case files on whom Communist Index cards existed. In order that file covers can definitely reflect those cases in which a Communist Index card is prepared under existing instructions set out in referenced SAC Letter, you should arrange to have the main case files stamped with the letters "RCI."

Stamps for this purpose should be purchased locally.

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SAC, CLEVELAND (100-22807) (100-17255)

April 23, 1957

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086) (100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
CLEVELAND DIVISION
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PERSONAL ATTENTION

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

Reurlet 4-12-57.

It is apparent from a review of relet that the extent of known Communist Party (CP) organizational structure and membership in your territory is extremely limited. A tabulation of names on the geographical and organizational breakdown of the CP submitted by your office reflects a total of approximately 87 individuals identified as currently known CP members. Your breakdown does not apparently reflect any individuals tentatively identified as CP members as you were requested to include. The list does indicate "tentative" in a few places but this apparently applies to the position held by the individual rather than a question of his membership in the Party.

In your next 45-day progress report you should make certain to include those individuals who, by the very nature of their activities, can be suspected of CP membership and can be tentatively identified as such. Eventually as more positive proof of their membership is obtained you will remove them from the tentative group into the definitely established group of CP members and from an unknown club assignment to a known club assignment. FY 116

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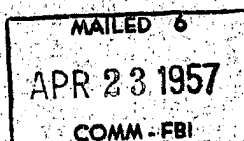
It is noted relet indicates that the integrated investigative system has been utilized by your office on a limited basis only heretofore since the information available relating to the CP structure itself was limited. Relet also notes that recently added informant coverage has steadily increased information relating to both membership and organizational structure, and based on this increased knowledge your office anticipates expanding the use of the integrated system on a day-to-day basis.

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Letter to SAC, Cleveland
RE: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
(100-353086) (100-3-68)

It would appear that based on lack of success your office has had in the past in establishing the Party's organizational structure and membership, you may desire at this time to re-examine your investigative operations in the light of the fundamental principles of the integrated investigative system as outlined in SAC Letter 54-26. You may also desire to adapt, in the manner best suited to your means, the proposals and programs depicted in the charts that accompanied the afore-mentioned SAC letter.

One of the most serious obstacles in the investigation of communist matters which must be recognized and overcome is the random assignment of cases whereby they are assigned without regard to their relation to other cases or other over-all investigations of CP activities. Such type of assignment can very well develop within Agent personnel a lack of interest in the over-all phases of communist investigations and create the feeling that they are merely "lead coverers." The integrated investigative system assures that each Agent participating in security investigations realizes he is a member of a team which not only has responsibility for the investigation of individual security cases but for all phases of the operations of the CP both locally and nationally.

Past experience has shown that offices utilizing this system have a much more intelligent and comprehensive knowledge of over-all Party operations. In addition, the use of the integrated investigative system, when properly employed and intelligently analyzed, will reveal most of the apparent weaknesses in investigative operations as well as highlight those areas in which progress is being made. At the same time it is believed that the integrated investigative system arouses more of a spirit of competition among Agent personnel and that recognition of accomplishments can be more accurately established.

Letter to SAC, Cleveland
RE: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
(100-358086) (100-3-68)

It is also suggested in the submission of future progress reports that where a club name is yet unknown it be shown as number 1, 2, or 3 for purposes of identification until such time as subsequent investigation determines its name. By this means it will be more expedient to follow any subsequent changes in the membership within specific clubs.

The Bureau expects to see a substantial improvement over your initial 45-day report. This matter will be closely followed.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086) (100-3-63)

April 12, 1957

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-22807) (100-17255)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
CLEVELAND DIVISION
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SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
OF INDIVIDUALS

ReBulet 3/23/57.

The observations and suggestions set forth by the Bureau in referenced letter are noted and appreciated. The need for developing additional live informant coverage and for utilizing other investigative techniques in order that evidentiary and intelligence data regarding the Communist Party membership and its activities may be ascertained are acknowledged. The Bureau may be assured that every effort will be put forth by the Agent personnel assigned to the Security Squad in an effort to accomplish these purposes.

In accordance with the Bureau's request there are attached four copies of the Organizational Structure of the Communist Party as it exists today in the Cleveland Field Division. Forty-five days from now the names of additional members identified or tentatively identified together with any other changes taking place in the organization breakdown which differs from the data being submitted in the attached outline, will be forwarded to the Bureau.

The integrated system has been utilized only on a limited basis heretofore since the information available relating to the CP structure itself was limited. Day by day, however, by reason of three additional live informants being taken into the CP in Cleveland and by virtue in recent months of the establishment of CV-964-S* and CV-966-S*, there has been a steady increase of information relating to both membership and organizational structure and it is anticipated that we can, on a day by day basis, expand our use of the integrated system in following the activities of the Party in this area.

This matter has been discussed at length with all members of the Security Squad and I am sure every effort will be made to achieve the goal established.

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CP, USA, ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP
OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION
April 12, 1957

OHIO CP STATE OFFICERS

ANTHONY KROCHMAREK - Chairman
HUBERT C. STEATEN - Organizer for Negro Cadre
MARTIN CHANCEY - Educational Director
HYMAN LUMER - State Organizer

OHIO CP DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

ANTHONY KROCHMAREK
HYMAN LUMER

OHIO CP STATE BOARD

HYMAN LUMER
ANTHONY KROCHMAREK
HUBERT C. STEATEN - tentative
MARTIN CHANCEY - tentative
EDWARD JOSEPH CHAKA - tentative

OHIO CP STATE COMMITTEE

DELEGATES AT LARGE
(ELECTED BY OHIO STATE CP CONVENTION - Total 12)

ANTHONY KROCHMAREK
MARTIN CHANCEY
HYMAN LUMER
HUBERT C. STEATEN
EDWARD JOSEPH CHAKA
FRIEDA ZUCKER KATZ
ETHEL LEE JENNINGS
ADMIRAL KILPATRICK
GEORGE WILLIAMS
HENRY ALLEN CRAWFORD
VINISIO ANTHONY PIERI - tentative
FRANK WALLACE KAUFMAN - tentative
PETER MARGETICH - tentative

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"DELEGATES" ELECTED BY CP SECTION COMMITTEES (Total 24)

HUGH LLOYD GAINES, JR. - Glenville Section
GERALD LYON GORDON - Glenville Section
BERNICE LIEB ALEXANDER - Glenville Section (alternate)

OHIO CP SECTIONS

AKRON

MARTIN ROBBINS - Section Organizer - tentative

CLUBS UNKNOWN

JEAN ROBBINS

CLEVELAND

AUTO SECTION

Members and clubs unknown

CEDAR-CENTRAL SECTION

ADMIRAL KILPATRICK - Section Organizer
JULIA BROWN - Treasurer

CLUBS

Name of club unknown

HENRY ALLEN CRAWFORD - Chairman
ROBERT WILLIAMS - Dues Secretary

Name of club unknown

OSCAR BROWNLEE - Chairman
CATHERINE LEE MC CASTLE - Dues Secretary

Name of club unknown

ADMIRAL KILPATRICK - Chairman
CARLOTTA RUFUS HIGHT - Secretary
JULIA BROWN

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS UNKNOWN

ETHEL LEE JENNINGS
HUBERT C. STEATEN
JAMES WELLS
MARY MILES

GLENVILLE SECTION

HUGH LLOYD GAINES, JR. - Section Organizer
JEAN GORBACK KROCHMAREK - Secretary
DORA DEUTCHMAN - Press Director

CLUBS

Name of club unknown

HUGH LLOYD GAINES, JR. - Chairman

Name of club unknown

JEAN GORBACK KROCHMAREK - Chairman

Name of club unknown

MORRIS KREITNER - Chairman

Glenville CP Club

BEATRICE ALEXANDER - Chairman
MELVIN HARDIN - Dues Secretary and Treasurer

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS UNKNOWN

ELEADORA HERLINDA GORDON
GERALD LYON GORDON
GAUNDZALE HARDIN
ELAINE MARCIA KATZ
DOLORES IRENE KAUFMAN
FRIDA SMITH KREITNER
GLADYS MARIE RODY
GEORGE PAUL SCULLY
SANDRA HELENE SCULLY

SOUTHEAST, aka, KINSMAN SECTION

FRIEDA ZUCKER KATZ - Section Organizer - tentative

CLUBS UNKNOWN

MARGARET BOLDEN WHERRY

STEEL SECTION

EDWARD JOSEPH CHAKA - National CP Coordinator of Steel

CLUBS UNKNOWN

WEST SIDE SECTION

Members and clubs unknown.

ATL CLUB

It is noted that this club is composed of both East and West Side members of the CP, however, the section with which it is connected is unknown.

JAMES CRUDELE - Chairman

NORMAN BODY - Financial Secretary

JOSEPH SANIUK - Literature Director

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS UNKNOWN

ROBERT NICHOLAS BALLA

FRANK WALLACE KAUFMAN

TOLEDO SECTION

JOHN STIMPLE - Section Organizer - tentative

CLUBS UNKNOWN

SADINA MUESTER

YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

CLUBS UNKNOWN

ELMER RAYMOND GRANDSTAFF
AUDREY MAILMAN
HAROLD MAILMAN
PETER IVAN WENZEN

INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM CURRENT CP MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED,
HOWEVER, THEIR SECTION AND CLUE ASSIGNMENTS ARE UNKNOWN:

JOHN ALEXANDER
LUZ BALIA
NETTA SIGEL BERMAN
NORMAN BERMAN
ROBERT LAWRENCE BIBLO
ARNOLD STEWART CAPLIN
SADIE HERMAN CHANCEY
SALLY M. CLARK
JULIUS CZINCZAR
MELVIN LEON DAHLMAN
MYRTLE OPHELIA DENNIS
EDITH MAY GAINES
CARLOS RICHARD GRUBBS
MICHAEL VIVIAN WASHINGTON GRUBBS
ROBERT PALMER GUNKEL
ELIZABETH MARY HALL
CHARLOTTE HARRIETTE HARZOFF
WILLARD HARZOFF
HERBERT IRVING HIRSCHBERG
MORRIS BERNARD HYBLOOM
JAMES SELDON JACKSON
DAVID KATZ
STANLEY WILBUR KATZ
ANNA KAUFMAN
ROY MILTON KAUFMAN
JOSEPH KRAUSE
LEE LEIBNER
STANLEY LEIBNER
PEARL LEVIN
SOL SAK LEVIN
SAMUEL LINNEN
SAMUEL LUMPKIN
PETER MARGETICH
SALLY WINTERS MORILLAS
ANN PACKER
BERNARD PACKER
VINISIO ANTHONY PIERI

JOSEPH SOKOL
ABRAHAM STRAUSS
BERTRAM ALEXANDER WASHINGTON
BERNARD JACOB WEINER
GEORGE WILLIAMS
IRENE WHITE
ONA MAE WILSON
ELSIE ZAZRIVY
PAUL ZAZRIVY, JR.

1 - Mr. Rushing
1 - Mr. Miles
1 - Mr. Lenz

SAC, Cleveland (100-22807)(100-17255)

March 28, 1957

Director, FBI (100-358086)(100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
CLEVELAND DIVISION
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PERSONAL ATTENTION

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
OF INDIVIDUALS

A review of pertinent files at the Bureau concerning Communist Party (CP) membership in the Cleveland Division reflects that your office has only limited knowledge of this subject.

As of 12-31-56, the estimated CP membership in the Cleveland territory was 529; as of 1-15-57, the number of individuals in your territory with communist affiliation listed on the Security Index totaled 267. These two figures are incompatible and reflect that either (1) a great number of CP members in Cleveland have not been identified, or (2) Party membership figures are extremely out of line. While the latter case may be partially true, it appears unlikely that it is to the extent reflected by your figures.

The need for development of live informant coverage in your territory as one of the primary means of establishing the number and identity of CP members within your area has been stringently emphasized by the Bureau in the past. However, informants alone will not in all instances completely furnish all data necessary to effectively cover all activities. This is especially true in your situation where the number of informants who are presently members of the CP is inadequate to furnish a comprehensive knowledge of its operations. Therefore, while development of informants within the CP is a continuing necessity, there must be no relaxation in utilizing other investigative techniques to obtain the material necessary to not only keep abreast of CP activities, but to anticipate future moves on its part. It is incumbent that every investigative technique available be utilized in the development of evidentiary and intelligence material regarding the CP membership.

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Letter to Cleveland
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP
SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
100-358086, 100-3-66

It is essential in the over-all investigation of the CP that your office acquire complete knowledge of the organizational structure of the Party in your area. Without complete awareness of this factor, the objectives of future investigations will be without direction. With knowledge of the structure of the Party within your grasp, it is then possible to fully and intelligently utilize the integrated investigative system as suggested in SAC Letter 54-28 in order to materially aid in obtaining positive results concerning total CP membership figures and identity of the individual members.

It is evident that unless a specific goal is set, this situation could continue for an unreasonable length of time. The Bureau desires, therefore, that you set a goal of six months beginning 4-1-57 in which to identify all CP members in your territory.

You are instructed to submit to the Bureau within fifteen days a complete picture of the organizational structure of the CP in your territory as known to you at this time. Under each individual breakdown, you should identify by name, the persons who comprise each group together with their positions if other than just a member thereof. Your breakdown should extend through the club level, and here again you should identify by name the individuals assigned to a particular club. Where the identity of a particular individual with a club is tentative, you should so indicate, or where his club assignment is yet unknown, it should so be noted.

Following submission of the above, you should furnish the Bureau every forty-five days thereafter with the names of additional members identified or tentatively identified together with the club to which they are assigned. Any other change taking place in the breakdown initially submitted should also be shown. Accompany the forty-five-day progress letter with a brief resume' of the scope of your investigation during the past forty-five-day period as well as any redirected plans for the

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future forty-five-day period. You should also show in each forty-five-day letter the total CP members identified in your division as well as the total CP membership tentatively identified. Advise in reply to this letter whether or not the integrated investigative system is used in your office.

Your approach to this program for the identification of membership must be realistic, and the personnel of your office must enter into the spirit of the program wholeheartedly to give it impetus. It is believed that effective implementation of this program will result in fulfillment of the Bureau's responsibilities and at the same time realize a more uniform administration of Party activities for future operations.

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SAC, Cleveland (100-22807)(100-17255)

June 6, 1957

Director, FBI (100-3-68)(100-358086)

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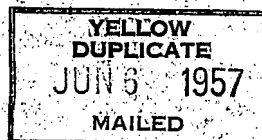
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Include in subsequent progress letters the following:

1. Estimated number of Communist Party (CP) members.
2. Number of members identified during past 45-day period.
3. Number of members identified to date.
4. Number tentatively identified as CP members.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086) (100-3-68)

May 27, 1957

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-22807) (100-17255)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
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ReBuletts 3/28/57 and 4/23/57.

Attached are four copies of a memorandum reflecting the changes in the Organizational Structure of the Communist Party developed during the period April 13, 1957 to May 27, 1957. Also set forth are the names of additional individuals identified as CP members during the period and also included are the names of individuals who have been tentatively identified as CP members.

During the period covered by this progress letter it was necessary for this office to devote 151 Agent Days or approximately 36 per cent of the Security Agent days available to conducting physical surveillances under the intensification program. Inasmuch as the surveillances activity extended from April 20th to May 19th, 1957, and since the regular firearms training of the Cleveland Office was held during the week of May 20th, it was possible to develop only one anonymous source during the period.

Although the progress made during this period was limited, it is anticipated that greater success will be possible during the forthcoming 45 days since one anonymous source was developed May 27, 1957, another is scheduled for May 28, 1957, with tentative plans calling for recontacts on May 31, 1957, and the week of June 3, 1957. For the information of the Bureau, the anonymous source developed May 27, 1957, was close to MARTIN CHANCEY, Educational Director of Ohio, and while the source could only give a preliminary report at this time it appeared that CHANCEY is in possession of voluminous information which source will be able to report only after several additional contacts. In the limited time available to the source on May 27, 1957, valuable information was obtained

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relating to the Party Structure in Ohio, to the identities of various section organizers and to the status of District Six funds. The full extent of the information developed by source May 27, 1957, will not be available for further review and appraisal until a later date. It is observed, however, that the partial development of this source has created considerable optimism and enthusiasm on the part of the entire Security Squad and it is expected considerable progress will be reflected in the next 45 day letter.

For the further information of the Bureau, a further extension of the integrated system was established early in instant period which provided for the creation of separate squads on a geographical basis with each squad responsible for identifying the individual members in a given area. Although extensive surveillance activity during this period restricted the effectiveness of this system the change did arouse a spirit of competition among the personnel of the respective squads and although the development of an anonymous source close to MARTIN CHANCEY has been under consideration for some time it is felt the implementation of the plans previously made was brought by this change. It is contemplated, however, that as more information identifying the CP organizational structure is developed the integrated system will be adjusted to conform to that structure rather than on the present geographical basis.

The Bureau may be assured that I will follow the matter closely and I will see that every effort possible is made to obtain the results desired.

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Date: 7-17-57

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086) (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255) (100-22807)

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP, CLEVELAND DIVISION; IS-C;
SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter dated 5-27-57 as captioned.

Forty-five day progress letter will be submitted 7-25-57. Letter delayed in order that pertinent information received on 7-9-57 from anonymous source close to MARTIN CHANCEY may also be included in instant letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-358086)(100-3-68)

DATE: July 23, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-22807)(100-17255)

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Remylet dated 5/27/57 as captioned.

Attached are four copies of a memorandum reflecting the changes in the Organizational Structure of the Communist Party developed during the period May 27, 1957, to July 23, 1957. Also set forth are the names of additional individuals identified as CP members during the period and also included are the names of individuals who have been tentatively identified as CP members.

Subsequent to date of referenced letter, seven anonymous sources have been developed. All sources developed were close to CP members who, because of their positions in the CP, would be most likely to maintain valuable information relating to the current Organizational Structure of the Party in the Cleveland area.

It is noted that the source close to MARTIN CHANCEY proved to be the only productive source concerning CP membership, sections, and clubs.

It is anticipated that continuous contact will be had with source close to CHANCEY in order to secure current data, however, efforts are being continued to develop other anonymous sources close to those individuals who may have in their possession information desired concerning the current CP structure of the Party in the Cleveland area.

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Mr. Barry.
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ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF
THE CLEVELAND DIVISION
July 23, 1957

OHIO CP SECTIONS

CLEVELAND

GLENVILLE-CEDAR SECTION

HUBERT C. STEATEN - Section Organizer
DORA DEUTCHMAN (STEATEN) - Organizational Secretary
BERNICE ALEXANDER - Organizational Secretary
DORA DEUTCHMAN (STEATEN) - Education Committee
ADMIRAL KILPATRICK - Education Committee
JULIA BROWN - Finance Committee
MELVIN HARDIN - Finance Committee
HUGH LLOYD GAINES - Political Committee
JAMES WELLS - Press Committee
MORRIS KREITNER - Press Committee

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- #2 OSCAR BROWNLEE - Chairman
CATHERINE LEE MC CASTLE - Dues Secretary
- #3 ADMIRAL KILPATRICK - Chairman
CARLOTTA RUFUS HIGHT - Secretary

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#4 HUGH LLOYD GAINES - Chairman

#5 JEAN GORBACK KRCHMA~~HEK~~ - Chairman

#6 MORRIS KREITNER - Chairman

GLENVILLE CLUB

BERNICE ALEXANDER - Chairman

MELVIN HARDIN - Dues Secretary and Treasurer

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS UNKNOWN

JULIA BROWN
ELEADORA HERLINDA GORDON
GERALD LYON GORDON
GUANDZALE HARDIN
ETHEL LEE JENNINGS
ELAINE MARCIA KATZ
DOLORES IRENE KAUFMAN
FRIDA SMITH KREITNER
MARY MILES
GLADYS MARIE RODY
GEORGE PARK SCULLY
SANDRA HELENE SCULLY
HUBERT C. STEATEN
JAMES WELLS

It is noted that the old Glenville and Cedar-Central sections merged on June 28, 1957.

PROFESSIONAL SECTION

MANNY SCHOR - Section Organizer - tentative

CHARLES DAVIS - Press and Literature Director - tentative

SALLY DAVIS - Organizational Secretary - tentative

There is reported to be four clubs in this section, however, names of clubs and members not known.

AKRON SECTION

MARTIN ROBBINS - Section Organizer - tentative

CLUBS UNKNOWN

JEAN ROBBINS
THELMA FURRY - tentative
MYRON THOMAS
EDWARD LYONS - tentative

HEIGHTS SECTION

IRVING GILBERT - Section Organizer - tentative
JEROME JOSEPH - Organizational Secretary - tentative
DAVE GOODMAN - Dues and Finance Secretary
JACK EMMER - Press and Literature Director
Names of clubs and individual members not known to date.

YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

Names of officers and clubs of this section not known.

ELMER RAYMOND GRANDSTAFF
AUDREY MAILMAN
HAROLD MAILMAN
SIDNEY RACKOFF
PETER IVAN WENZEN

INDUSTRIAL SECTION

Information received from live and anonymous sources has indicated that several industrial employments union affiliations such as auto, steel, AF of L, etc., comes within this section, however, the names of individuals and clubs are not known.

INDIVIDUALS "TENTATIVELY" IDENTIFIED AS SUSPECTED
CP MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THEIR ACTIVITY OR ACTIONS

MAMIE ABERNATHY
WALTER BALASZ
DORA BAYER
JIMMIE LEE CALDWELL
WILLIAM HENRY COOPER
CHARLES DAVIS
SALLY DAVIS
IRVING GILBERT
BENJAMIN GRAY
JEANNETTE RUBIN GRAY

[REDACTED]
TONY HALAMEK
JEROME JOSEPH
MORDECAI SDAJE KAMEN

[REDACTED]
RUTH LENCL
[REDACTED]

EDWARD LYONS
CARL MITCH

[REDACTED]
UUNO RAUTIO
[REDACTED]

MANNY SCHOR
WALTER STOCKMAL
[REDACTED]

ISAIAH TURNER
ESTHER SWEITZER WILLIAMS
OKEY ELLEN WEBB

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INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM CP MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

DAVID GOODMAN
JACK EMMER

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-358086; 100-3-68) DATE: September 12, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-22807; 100-17255) *letter*SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - CSECURITY INVESTIGATION
OF INDIVIDUALS

Remylet 7-23-57.

Attached are four copies of a memorandum setting forth new information concerning the organizational structure of the Ohio Communist Party, together with the names of individuals who have been identified as Communist Party members since referenced letter.

Two Anonymous Sources have been conducted since referenced letter, one being on the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY on August 16, 1957, and the second being on the residence of [redacted]. The value of the Anonymous Source on the [redacted] residence is as yet unknown since developed photographs have not yet been returned from the Bureau.

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Continuous contact will be maintained with the Source at CHANCEY's home, which has proved of value. Efforts are being made to develop additional Anonymous Sources.

Estimated number of Communist Party members
in Cleveland Division

378 *J*

Number of members identified during
past forty-five days.

3

Number of members identified to date

102

Number of members tentatively identified
to date

157

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF
THE CLEVELAND DIVISION
September 12, 1957

OHIO COMMUNIST PARTY SECTIONS

CLEVELAND

WEST SIDE SECTION

SALLY WINTERS MORILLAS

ANNA KAUFMAN

ROBERT BALLA

UUNO RAUTIO

ANDREW ZVOLENSKY

Names of clubs and individual members not known as
of this date.

INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM COMMUNIST PARTY
MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

ANDREW ZVOLENSKY

CLIFFORD JORDAN

BOB WALKER

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-358086)(100-3-68)

DATE: September 9, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-22807)(100-17255)

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SUBJECT:SECURITY INDEX

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

CLEVELAND DIVISION

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

MEMBERSHIP,
SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Remylet dated 7-23-57.

Cleveland letter covering the captioned subjects was
due at the Bureau today.Because of unanticipated surveillance, it will be
delayed, but will reach the Bureau no later than
September 18, 1957.4-Bureau (RM)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-358086; 100-3-68) DATE: October 25, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-22807; 100-17255)

SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 MEMBERSHIP
 CLEVELAND DIVISION
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 SECURITY INVESTIGATION
 OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland let, 9-12-57.

Attached are four copies of a memorandum setting forth new information concerning the organizational structure of the Ohio Communist Party, together with the names of individuals who have been identified as Communist Party members since referenced letter.

Two Anonymous Sources have been conducted since referenced letter, both being at the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY; one on September 20, 1957, and the second on October 15, 1957. The results of the second contact are not yet available. b6 b7C

As set forth in referenced letter, an Anonymous Source was contacted at the home of [redacted] on August 30, 1957. This resulted in obtaining information concerning the membership of the West Side Section of the Ohio Communist Party, more particularly being the names of approximately forty members of the West Side Section, together with the identity of the club or nationality group to which some of them belong. Although the identity of most of these forty persons can be determined with reasonable accuracy from other information available to this office, still these persons are only being considered as "Tentatively Identified" because in most instances only the first name was set out in the Anonymous Source material.

Registration of Communist Party members has started in the Cleveland area, and it is anticipated that Anonymous Sources will be contacted as often as the facts justify and safety permits.

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Estimated Communist Party members in Cleveland Division (See quarterly report of 10-12-57 for explanation)	337.
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Number of members identified during past 45 days	3.
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Number of members identified to date	105.
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Number of members tentatively identified to date	167.
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF
THE CLEVELAND DIVISION
October 25, 1957

DELETIONS

JOSEPH MICHAEL DOUGHER (moved to Philadelphia territory)

ADDITIONS

Communist Party Members

^{SL}
DANIEL CALUGAR - Alliance, Ohio, and part of Ohio Valley
Section covered by Cincinnati

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MARIE KROTCHVIL MARIK - West Side Section

^{SL}
WILLIAM SCHULTZ - AFL Club

Tentative Communist Party Membership

[REDACTED] - West Side Section - West Park Club

[REDACTED] - West Side Section - West Park Club

[REDACTED] - West Side Section - Club unknown

HELVI MACK KARI - West Side Section - West 130th Club

MARTIN KARI - West Side Section - West 130th Club

JERRY MARIK - West Side Section - Club unknown

IRENE TOMSIK - West Side Section - Club unknown

[REDACTED] - West Side Section - Club unknown

PASHA WENE - West Side Section - Club unknown

[REDACTED] - West Side Section - Club unknown

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-358086) -
(100-3-68)

DATE: December 10, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-17255)
(100-22807)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
MEMBERSHIP,
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Letter concerning subject matter will not reach
the Bureau until December 16, 1957, due to illness
of Agent to whom assigned.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086; 100-3-68)

DATE: December 13, 1957

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-22807; 100-17255)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

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Re Cleveland letter dated October 25, 1957.

Attached are four copies of a memorandum setting forth new information concerning the organizational structure of the Ohio Communist Party, together with the names of persons who have been identified as Communist Party members, or tentative Communist Party members, since referenced letter.

Efforts have been made to obtain Anonymous Source material on seven different occasions since October 15, 1957, but in only two instances were these attempts successful, being on November 19th and December 10th, 1957, both being on the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY.

The information obtained on December 10th is not yet available, and the results of the information obtained on November 19th has not yet been completely analyzed. However, two membership record sheets were obtained on November 19th, setting forth the age, sex, race, years in the Communist Party, etc., for the Cincinnati section and for a section designated only as 'N', believed to be the Norwalk, Ohio, registration. The information pertaining to Cincinnati has been forwarded to that office. Listed for 'N', were six persons, four of whom have to date been tentatively identified. Steps are being taken to identify the other two.

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Information has recently been received showing that the Glenville Section and the Cedar Central Section have merged into the Northeast Section; that major changes are being made in the Industrial Section; and that in a few instances members are being changed from one club to another. The status of the various clubs, sections and members is therefore questionable. It is believed that after the current registration, a more accurate picture will be available as to the organizational setup of the Ohio Communist Party and the status of the various clubs. Because of these changes, the next 45-day letter will contain a recapitulation of the information heretofore submitted, including the current changes where known.

Following is a tabulation of the Communist Party membership in the Cleveland Division:

Estimated CP members in Cleveland Division-----337

Number of members identified in past 45 days ----- 3

Number of members identified to date-----110

Number of members tentatively identified to date----123

ADDITIONS

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

100-228488, T RUTH LENCL - member of club of which MORRIS
KREITNER is Chairman - Northeast Section.

100-37159, T BETTY COX ROSS - member of Northeast Section,
Club No. 6.

100-347647 HARRY SPENCER - member of KREITNER's club,
Northeast Section.

TENTATIVE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

8251 BARNES COMPTON GRAHAM, JR. - member at Norwalk, Ohio.

100-398220, T [REDACTED] - member at Norwalk, Ohio.

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100-395006, T [REDACTED] - member at Norwalk, Ohio.

100-366373, T WILLIAM CARLTON WRIGHT - member at Norwalk, Ohio.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) (100-358086)

January 27, 1958

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255) (100-22807)

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MEMBERSHIP
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter dated December 13, 1957.

Attached are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the only new person who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party during the past 45 days. She was formerly carried as a tentative member.

In an effort to obtain the desired information, the following investigation was conducted--An anonymous source, on January 13, 1958, furnished information available at the home of [redacted] who is in [redacted] for the Industrial Communist Party Section, and [redacted] of the Northeast Section. Photographs of three completed registration blanks were obtained there. Unsuccessful attempts to contact an anonymous source at the home of MARTIN CHANCERY, Ohio Communist Party Organizational Secretary, were made on January 7 and 14, 1957. The contact was made on January 15, at which time an estimated 10 to 12 photographs of registration blanks were obtained. These registration blanks contained information concerning the age, sex, length of time in Communist Party, etc., of the individuals registered. The film is presently being developed and, upon receipt of the developed photographs, every effort will be made to identify all persons registered.

At the time of writing referenced letter, it was anticipated that the registration would be completed by this time, and that this office would, therefore, be in a position to identify additional members, and also have up-to-date information concerning the various clubs in the Communist Party, and the identity of the persons registered in those clubs. The registration is not yet completed and, for that reason, the current membership and clubs are not set forth herein.

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Following is a tabulation of the Communist Party membership in the Cleveland Division:

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	337
Number of members identified in the past 45 days	1
Number of members identified to date	111
Number of members tentatively identified to date	122

ADDITIONS

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

MORTENEE MITCHELL - name of club to which she belongs is unknown.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)(100-358036)

March 14, 1958

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255)(100-22207)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
MEMBERSHIP

SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter dated 1/27/58.

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the identity of individuals added to and deleted from the Tentative CP Members list, and also the additions to and deletions from the list of known CP Members. Also set forth is the name of the club and section to which the person belongs, where known.

To date the registration in the Ohio CP has not been completed, and this office consequently does not have the current membership figure. Neither does it have a complete record of the clubs that are in existence at this time, nor a record of the clubs to which the various members belong. It is anticipated that additional information of this type will be obtained before registration is completed, at which time a complete recapitulation of the known members, tentative members, and the clubs to which they belong, where known, will be forwarded to the Bureau.

Since referenced letter, anonymous sources were conducted at the home of MARTIN CHANCEY on January 27, February 7, and 21, and on March 11, 1958. An anonymous source was also contacted at the home of [redacted] on February 24. The source at [redacted] home furnished a list of names, which is believed to represent the current members of the West Side Section. Not all of the individuals can be tentatively identified from the name, being generally only a first name or last name. However, steps are being taken to identify the unknown individuals, and to try and confirm those tentatively identified. Information obtained from CHANCEY's consists of a listing of the age, sex, years in party, whether or not a Worker subscriber and the person's occupation. Efforts are being made to identify these individuals.

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Continued efforts are being made to develop informants and anonymous sources that will be able to furnish membership information.

Because the registration is incomplete at this time, no revised estimate is being made at this time as to the overall membership in the Cleveland Division.

Following is a tabulation of the estimated membership of the Cleveland Division:

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	337
Number of members identified in the past 45 days	1
Number of members identified to date	112
Number of members tentatively identified to date	143

TENTATIVE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

ADDITIONS

NAME

MARY BARABASOFF

PETE CAPKO

ANN CHUDNER

VICTORIA DARAZKO

HELEN GALLIO

FRIEDA HARRIS

GEORGE HOMOLA

JOSEPH HRANKA

HELENI KASI

MARTIN KARI

MARY LIPA

RHODA OLENICK

UUNO RAUTIO

HENRY SIEGEL

ROSE WILLIAMS

PETE WRONOWSKI

CLUB

UKRAINE CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

SLOVAK CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

W. 7 CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

BROOKLYN CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

CLUB UNKNOWN, WEST SIDE SECTION

CLUB UNKNOWN, HEIGHTS SECTION

SLOVAK CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

CZECH CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

CLUB UNKNOWN, HEIGHTS SECTION

SLOVAK CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

W. 130 & FINNS CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

(SAME)

CLUB UNKNOWN, WEST SIDE SECTION

LABOR CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

W. 7 CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

W. 130 & FINNS CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

CLUB UNKNOWN, WEST SIDE SECTION

W. 130 & FINNS, WEST SIDE SECTION

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SLOVAK CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

CZECH CLUB, WEST SIDE SECTION

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NAME

CLUB

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

ADDITIONS

VERGILIA HARDIN

CLUB UNKNOWN, NORTHEAST SECTION

DELETIONS

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REFUSED TO REGISTER

Director, FBI (~~100-3-68~~) (100-358086)

April 28, 1958

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255) (100-22807)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
MEMBERSHIP

SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter dated 3-14-58.

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the identity of individuals added to and deleted from the Tentative CP Members list, and also the additions to and deletions from the list of known CP members. Also set forth is the name of the club and the section to which the person belongs, where known.

No information has yet been received indicating that the membership drive of the Ohio CP is completed. As a result, this office does not have information as to the final registration figure, nor does it have a final breakdown of the number of members that comprise the various sections of the CP.

Since referenced letter, anonymous sources have been contacted at the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY on April 9, 11, and 25, in an effort to obtain current membership information. All have been unsuccessful because of members of the family remaining home. Plans have been made to recontact this source on April 28th. Other sources of this office have been unable to furnish any new information on the current CP registration.

As set forth in referenced letter, information has been received from an anonymous source at MARTIN CHANCEY's home, setting forth the age, sex, color, etc., of members registered in some of the CP clubs. Continued effort is being made to identify these persons.

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Since the current registration is incomplete, no revised estimate is being made at this time of the current membership figure.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	337
Number of members identified in the past 45 days	4
Number of members identified to date	114
Number of members tentatively identified to date	132

TENTATIVE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

ADDITIONS

NAME

CLUB

EDWIN FRANCIS BROGGINI

WEST SIDE SECTION

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WEST SIDE SECTION

ALBERT HANNA

WEST SIDE SECTION

MILDRED KRAUSE

DELETIONS

JIMMIE LEE CALDWELL

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[REDACTED]

JOSEPH HYMEN FILNER

[REDACTED]

JEANETTE RUBIN GRAY

HAL RICHARD HEINEMAN

[REDACTED]

JOSEPH KRAUSE

[REDACTED]

CARL MITCH

[REDACTED]

JOSEPH VANGELOFF

ISAAC NEWTON WEBB

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

[REDACTED]

AUTO CLUB

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DELETIONS

MYRTLE OPHELIA DENNIS



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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

June 12, 1958

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
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OF INDIVIDUALS

RE Cleveland letter dated 4-28-58.

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the known and tentative Communist Party (CP) members in this division. It is broken down by section and club, where known. This is largely a recapitulation of information previously submitted, but is completely set forth because of the recent membership drive, and because of the frequent reorganization of clubs in the local CP.

The membership drive by the Ohio District CP is believed to be completed. However, the final membership figure has not yet been obtained. It is believed that this information will be made available by

[redacted] MARTIN CHANCEY, who is in charge of registration. The last figure available to this office is 363 for the entire Ohio District, 229 of these members being in Cleveland and 300 being in the territory of the Cleveland Office. b7D

Since referenced letter, efforts to contact anonymous sources at the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY have been made on April 28, May 2, 5, and 6, 1958, with the only successful contact being on May 6, 1958. It was at that time that [redacted] furnished the membership figure of 363. It is expected that this source will be contacted again this coming week, provided the work schedule of MARTIN CHANCEY is such as to make this possible. m

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Other sources in the Cleveland Division have been unable to furnish any information concerning the overall membership of the Ohio District CP.

No change is being made in the estimated CP membership in the Cleveland Office territory, pending the final registration figure.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	337
Number of members identified in the past 45 days	6
Number of members identified to date	115
Number of members tentatively identified to date	136



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

June 12, 1958

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

FRIEDA HARRIS
DOROTHY HUTCHISON

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

HEIGHTS SECTION

JACK EMMER
DAVID GOODMAN

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INDUSTRIAL SECTION
APL CLUB

ROBERT BALLA
JAMES CRUDELE
NORMAN RODY

INDUSTRIAL SECTION
AUTO CLUB

JOHN ALEXANDER
IRVING CHUDNER
CARL GERSUNY
HELEN GERSUNY
ROY KAUFMAN
VINISIO PIERI
JOSEPH SANIUK

INDUSTRIAL SECTION
STEEL CLUB

EDWARD CHAKA
FRANK KAUFMAN

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

NORTHEAST SECTION
WARD 24 CLUB

NORTHEAST SECTION
UPPER GLENVILLE CLUB

NORTHEAST SECTION
CEDAR CLUB

NORTHEAST SECTION
WOMEN'S CLUB

NORTHEAST SECTION
YOUNG ADULTS CLUB

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

DOLORES KAUFMAN

MARTIN CHANCEY
SADIE CHANCEY
ELIZABETH HALL
PRIDA KREITNER
MORRIS KREITNER
RUTH LENCZ
AUDREY MAILMAN
LEON ROSENBERG
HARRY SPENCER
ESTHER WILLIAMS

JULIA BROWN
ETHEL JENNINGS
ADMIRAL KILPATRICK
SAMUEL LINNEN
HUGH STPATEN
JAMES WELLS

EDITH GAINES

BERNICE ALEXANDER
GAUNDZALE HARDIN

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

MELVIN HARDIN
VIRGINIA HARDIN
ELAINE KATZ

NORTHEAST SECTION
CLUB UNKNOWN

OSCAR BROWNLEE
SALLY CLARK
HENRY CRAWFORD
MYRTLE DENNIS
DORA DEUTSCHMAN
LLOYD GAINES
CARLOS GRUBBS
MICHAEL GRUBBS
CARLOTTA HIGHT
CLIFFORD JORDAN
JOSEPH KRAUSE
JEAN KROMMAREK
CATHERINE MC CASTLE
MARY MILES
LAURA O'NEAL
GLADYS RODY
BETTY ROSS
SANDRA SCULLY
ROBERT WILLIAMS

PROFESSIONAL SECTION

CHARLES DAVIS
SALLY DAVIS
EUGENE GLADSTONE
HENRY GLUCK
HARVEY POST
MANNY SCHOR

SOUTHEAST SECTION

FRIEDA KATZ

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

ANN CHUDNER

[REDACTED]
RHODA OLENICK

PETE CAPKO
GEORGE HOMOLA

[REDACTED]
ROSE WILLIAMS

MARY BARABASOFF
ARTHUR BARABASOFF

VICTORIA DARASKO

TONY HALAMEK

[REDACTED]
PETE WGOROWSKI

WEST SIDE SECTION
WARD 7 CLUB

WEST SIDE SECTION
SLOVAK CLUB

WEST SIDE SECTION
UKRAINE CLUB

WEST SIDE SECTION
BROOKLYN CLUB

WEST SIDE SECTION
CZECH CLUB

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

ANNA KAUFMAN
WILLIAM SCHULTZ

GEORGE WILLIAMS

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

WEST SIDE SECTION
LABOR CLUB

[REDACTED]

WEST SIDE SECTION
W. 130 AND FINNS CLUB

HELVI KARI
MARTIN KARI
MARTHA RAUTIO
UUNO RAUTIO

[REDACTED]

WEST SIDE SECTION
CLUB UNKNOWN

EDWIN BROCCINI

[REDACTED]

HELEN GALLO

[REDACTED]

ALBERT HANNA
MARY LIPA
JERRY MARSIK
HENRY SIEGEL
PASHA WENE

[REDACTED]

LUZ BALLA
BETTY CHAKA
MARIE MARSIK
SALLY KRILLAS
ANDREW ZVOLENSKY
ELSIE ZAZRIVY
PAUL ZAZRIVY

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AKRON SECTION

KARL CAR IGAN
THELMA PURRY
BENEDICT GORDAY, SR.
CELIA JAFEE

[REDACTED]

GEORGE LYONS
NATHAN MARIS
EDWARD SELL

JEAN ROBBINS
MARTIN ROBBINS
MYRON THOMAS

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

CANTON SECTION

PAUL BOEUS
MATT KLANJSKI
JOE MLADJAN
ROSA MLADJAN

MANSFIELD SECTION

ANNA DITTRICH
OTTO DITTRICH
JEAN DITTRICH
ROBERT DITTRICH
[REDACTED]
JOSEPH SHERTZ
OKEY ELLEN WEBB

NORWALK SECTION

[REDACTED]
WILLIAM WRIGHT

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PAINESVILLE SECTION

AMOS BENTON MURPHY

TOLEDO SECTION

SABINA MUNTER
JOHN STEMPLE

WARREN-YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

ANDREW BAIKORY
JOHN BESKID
SPIRIDON GOMANITA
HERBERT KHANSDOHF
ELI NADRICH

DANIEL CAULGAR
ELMER GRANDSTAFF
SIDNEY RACKOFF
PETER WENZEN

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

WARREN-YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

[REDACTED]
BETTY HACKOFF
PAULINE TAYLOR
MARY TURNER

UNKNOWN SECTION

[REDACTED]
PAUL ALBERT
DORA BAYER
WALTER BALASZ

[REDACTED]
WILLIAM COOPER
HESTER DE LACY
HUGH DE LACY
WALTER DICKS
EUGENE DUCHAN
LIBBY DUCHAN
ABRAHAM ELEFF
LEO FENSTER
IRVING GILBERT
BENJAMIN GRAY

[REDACTED]
MARGARET GUNKEL

[REDACTED]
ROBERT HAMILTON
FRED HAUG
MARIE REED HAUG
LUCILIUS JENNINGS

[REDACTED]
JOSEPH KAMEN
MORDECAI KAMEN
NORMAN KAMEN
MILDRED KRAUSE

NETA BERMAN
NORMAN BERMAN
ROBERT BIBLO
ARNOLD CAPLIN
JULIUS CINCAR
MEL DAHLMAN
ROBERT GUNKEL
GUS HALL
CHARLOTTE HARZOFF
WILLARD HARZOFF
HERBERT HIRSCHBERG
MORRIS HYBLOOM
JAMES JACKSON
DAVID EATZ
STANLEY KATZ
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK
LEE LEIBNER
STANLEY LEIBNER
PEARL LEVIN
SAK LEVIN
EDITH LUMER
HYMAN LUMER
SAMUEL LUMPKIN
HAROLD MAILMAN
PETER MARGETICH
HORTENSE MITCHELL
ANN PACKER
BERNARD PACKER
MORRIS RAPPAPORT
ABE STRAUSS

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

EDWARD LIKOVER
[REDACTED]

MELBOURNE MITCHELL
EUGENE NADLER
HARRIET NADLER
HARVEY O'BRIEN
CAROLINE OVCHAR
[REDACTED]

DOVALD ROTENBERG
[REDACTED]

SANFORD SAFERSTEIN
ROSE SCHNEIDER
PAUL SHEPARD
BERNARD SELASKO
JOSEPH N. SEMANS
JAMES SMID
CHARLES STEINER
WALTER STOCKMAL
MILTON TEIENBAUM
[REDACTED]

EDWARD WEBB

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

HOWARD VAN KLEEF
JUDITH VAN KLEEF
B. W. WALKER
BERTRAM WASHINGTON
JACOB WEINER
MARGARET WHERRY
IRENE WHITE
ONA MAE WILSON

UNKNOWN SECTION

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) (100-358086)

7/28/58

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255) (100-22807)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
IS-C
MEMBERSHIP
SECURITY INVESTIGATION
OF INDIVIDUALS

SECURITY INVESTIGATION - CLEVELAND

Re Cleveland letter dated 6/12/58.

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the additions and deletions to the known and tentative CP membership list as it pertains to this office.

Although all indications are that the Ohio CP registration drive has been concluded, this office has to date been unable to obtain the final membership figures. [redacted] is the only contact presently available who can furnish such figure. However, during the past month, the work schedule of MARTIN CHANCEY has been such that there has not been adequate security to permit a contact with this informant. Attempts to make the contact on July 3 and 8, which appeared to be the only logical days, proved unsuccessful. During July, CHANCEY moved to a new address, and, as yet, no contact has been established at this new address.

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Other sources of this office have been unable to furnish any information that is of value in estimating the overall membership figure.

The estimated membership figure for the Cleveland Division is 287, based on information furnished May 6, 1958. Of this figure, 206 are estimated to be in Cleveland and suburbs, and the balance outside Cleveland.

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Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	287
Number of members identified in past 45 days	6
Number of members identified to date	120
Number of members tentatively identified to date	132



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Cleveland, Ohio
July 28, 1958

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(MEMBERSHIP)
(SECURITY INVESTIGATION
OF INDIVIDUALS)

Following are the additions and deletions to the list of known and tentative Communist Party members, as submitted by Cleveland letter dated June 12, 1958.

ADDITIONS

TENTATIVE CP MEMBERS

KNOWN CP MEMBERS

HEIGHTS SECTION

SHIRLEY SAFERSTEIN

JEROME JOSEPH
SANFORD SAFERSTEIN

NORTHEAST SECTION
WARD 24 CLUB

MILDRED KRAUSE

WARREN YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

HERBERT K. KRANSDORF
ELI NADRICH
JOHN VUKOVICH

DELETIONS

NORTHEAST SECTION
CLUB UNKNOWN

SANDRA HELENE SCULLY

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SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255)(100-22807)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
IS-C
MEMBERSHIP
SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re CV letter dated 7/28/58.

By letter dated August 7, 1958, entitled COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ORGANIZATION, IS-C, the Bureau requested a survey of the organizational structure and membership of the CP. That survey has been completed and the information contained therein is identical to the information required in captioned matters. Four copies of that survey are forwarded herewith.

It is noted that the estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division, the number of members identified to date, and the number of members tentatively identified to date have changed. The drop in estimated members results from a number of local members moving to other districts. The drop in the number of members identified and tentatively identified results from members moving to other offices, and from a re-appraisal of the facts which would justify classifying a person as a member or tentative member.

No new information concerning membership has been obtained since referenced letter. Our most productive source of information has been an anonymous source at the home of MARTIN CHANCEY. CHANCEY moved during July. Contacts have been made at CHANCEY's new residence, but an attempted anonymous source contact on September 10th was unsuccessful. An anonymous source contacted at the home of [redacted] on August 13, 1958, produced no information of value so far as membership is concerned.

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Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division . . .	282
Number of members identified in past 45 days	0
Number of persons identified to date	97
Number of members tentatively identified to date . .	114

**SURVEY - ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP
OF OHIO DISTRICT CP**

Following is the organizational structure and membership of the Ohio District Communist Party as known to the offices covering this CP District. The Ohio District CP covers the State of Ohio plus four counties in the area of Wheeling, W. Virginia.

Chairman, Ohio District CP

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

Organizational Secretary

MARTIN CHANCEY

Financial Secretary

BETTY CHAKA

State Board

ROBERT BALLA
EDWARD CHAKA
MARTIN CHANCEY
HENRY CRAWFORD
DAVID KATZ
FRIEDA KATZ
WALLACE KAUFMAN
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

State Committee

ROBERT BALLA
LUZ BALLA
NETTA BERNAN
JOHN BIRCH
DAVID BROWN
BETTY CHAKA
EDWARD CHAKA
MARTIN CHANCEY
HENRY CRAWFORD
LLOYD GAINES
MEL HARDIN
ANN HILL
DAVID KATZ
FRIEDA KATZ
WALLACE KAUFMAN
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK
JEAN KRCHMAREK
HERBERT KRAMSDORF
PEARL LEVIN

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State Committee (Cont'd)

BOL SAK LEVIN
SAM LINNICH
SALLY MORILLAS
ELI MADRICH
SIDNEY RACKOFF
ABE STRAUSS
FRANK TROYAN
BERTRAM WASHINGTON
GEORGE WILLIAMS

Negro Commission

HENRY CRAWFORD
MEL HARDIN
BERTRAM WASHINGTON

Steel Commission

WALLACE KAUFMAN

Youth Commission

ROBERT BALLA

Following is the known and tentative CP membership by section and club. Where the membership is tentative or suspected, a T is placed after the person's name.

AKRON SECTION

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INFORMANT COVERAGE

[redacted] not a CP member

OFFICERS

Unknown

CLUBS

Unknown

MEMBERS

MARTIN ROBBINS, 1/27/57
KARL CARRIGAN - T
THELMA FURRY - T
BENEDICT GORDAY - T
CELIA JAPPE - T

[redacted] - T

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GEORGE LYONS - T

NATHAN MARKS - T

[redacted] - T

EDWARD BELL - T

MYRON THOMAS - T

CANTON SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

[] PSI, [] PSI -
not IP members

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OFFICERS

Unknown

CLUES

Unknown

MEMBERS

PAUL BORUS - T
MATT KLANJSKI - T
JOE MLADJAN - T
ROSA MLADJAN - T

CLEVELAND --
HEIGHTS SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

None

OFFICERS

Organizer
Press & Lit. Dir.

JEROME JOSEPH
JACK ENNER

CLUES

Unknown

MEMBERS

JACK ENNER, 5/2/57
DAVID GOODMAN, 4/5/58
FRIEDA HARRIS, 7/22/58
JOSEPH HARRIS, 7/22/58
JEROME JOSEPH, 6/15/58
SANFORD SAFERSTEIN, 6/16/58
SHIRLEY SAFERSTEIN, 6/15/58
[] - T

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CLEVELAND --
INDUSTRIAL SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

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OFFICERS

Unknown

AUTO CLUB

Chairman

CARL GERSHNY

**CLEVELAND ---
INDUSTRIAL SECTION (Cont'd)**

Informant Coverage

Members

[REDACTED] b7D
IRVING CHUDNER, 4/23/58
CARL GERSUNY, 2/25/58
HELENE GERSUNY, 7/18/58
WALLACE KAUFMAN, 8/6/58
ROY KAUFMAN, 11/13/57
JOSEPH SANIUK, 9/16/58

AVL CLUB

Chairman

JAMES CRUDELE

Financial Secretary

WILLIAM SCHULTZ

Informant Coverage

None

Members

JAMES CRUDELE, 11/26/57
NORMAN RODY, 11/21/57
WILLIAM SCHULTZ, 11/27/57

**CLEVELAND ---
NORTHEAST SECTION**

INFORMANT COVERAGE

OFFICERS

Organizer
Treasurer
Org. Secretaries

[REDACTED] b7D
MELVIN HARDIN
JULIA BROWN
JEAN KRCHEMARSKY
HENRY CRAWFORD
MELVIN HARDIN

CEDAR CLUB

Officers

Chairman
Literature Dir.
Treasurer

HENRY CRAWFORD
SAM LINDEN
ROBERT WILLIAMS

CEDAR CLUB (Cont'd)

Informant Coverage



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Members

JULIA BROWN, 7/24/58
OSCAR BROWNEE, 4/26/58
MELVIN HARDIN, 8/27/58
CATHERINE MC CASTLE, 11/15/57
BERTRAM WASHINGTON, 7/13/58
JAMES WELLS, 2/25/58
HENRY CRAWFORD, 4/22/58
SAMUEL LINNEN, 5/2/58
ROBERT WILLIAMS, 1/15/58

WARD 24 CLUB

Officers

Chairman
Sec. Treas.
Lit. Director

SALLY CLARK
JEAN KRCHMAREK
JOE KRAUSE

Informant Coverage



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Members

SALLY CLARK, 7/22/58
EDITH GAINES, 6/5/58
HUGH GAINES, 7/22/58
VIRGINIA HARDIN, 8/25/58
JOSEPH KRAUSE, 5/13/58
MILDRED KRAUSE, 7/22/58
JEAN KRCHMAREK, 7/24/58
LAURA O'NEAL, 4/23/58

WARD 27 CLUB

Officers

Chairman
Treasurer

AUDREY MAILMAN
ESTHER WILLIAMS

Informant Coverage



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WARD 27 CLUB (Cont'd)

Members

SADIE CHANCEY, 6/13/58
ELIZABETH HALL, 5/14/58
ELAINE KATZ, 4/17/58
FRIDA KREITNER, 7/22/58
MORRIS KREITNER, 5/14/58
RUFEN LENCZ, 7/22/58
AUDREY MAILMAN, 6/13/58
HAROLD MAILMAN, 5/4/58
HARRY SPENCER, 8/25/58
ESTHER WILLIAMS, 4/2/58

CLUB UNKNOWN

Members

MARTIN CHANCEY, 7/13/58
WEL DAHLMAN, 9/23/57
MYRTLE DENNIS, 5/2/58
CARLOS GRUBBS, 6/20/58
MICHAEL GRUBBS, 6/20/58
CARLOTTA HIGHT, 3/17/58
ETHEL JENNINGS, 4/29/58
CLIFFORD JORDAN, 5/11/57
DOLORES KAUFMAN, 11/4/57
ADMIRAL KILPATRICK, 7/13/58
EDITH LUNER, 1/9/58
LEON ROSENBERG, 5/14/58
BETTY COX ROSS, 11/24/57
WALTER DICKS - T
[REDACTED] - T

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CLEVELAND --
PROFESSIONAL SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

None

OFFICERS

Org. Secretary
Press and Lit. Director

believed SALLY DAVIS
believed CHARLES DAVIS

MEMBERS

CHARLES DAVIS - T
SALLY DAVIS - T
EUGENE GLADSTONE - T
HENRY GLUCK - T
HARVEY POST - T
MANNY SCHOR - T

CLEVELAND --
SOUTHEAST SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

None

OFFICERS

Unknown

CLUBS-UNKNOWN

Members

FRIEDA KATZ, 7/13/53

CLEVELAND --
WEST SIDE SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

[REDACTED]

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OFFICERS

Organizer
Treasurer

believed ROBERT BALLA
believed SALLY MORILLAS

BROOKLYN CLUB

Officers

Unknown

Members

SALLY MORILLAS, 3/2/58
VICTORIA DARASKA - T

[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T

CZECH CLUB

Officers

Unknown

Members

MARIE MARSIK, 2/24/58
ANDREW ZVOLENSKY, 2/24/58

[REDACTED] - T
TONY HALANIK - T
JERRY MARSIK - T
PETE WHOROWSKI - T

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HUNGARIAN CLUB

Officers

Unknown

Members

ROBERT GUNKEL, 1/27/57
MARGARET GUNKEL - T

**CLEVELAND --
WEST SIDE SECTION (Cont'd)**

LABOR CLUB

Officers

Unknown

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Informant Coverage

Members

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- T

SLOVAK CLUB

Officers

Unknown

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Members

EDWARD CHAKA
GEORGE WILLIAMS
PETE GAFKO - T
GEORGE HOMOLA - T

7/13/58
3/2/58

- T
- T
- T
ROSE WILLIAMS - T

THE SECTION AND CLUB, IN CLEVELAND, TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BELONG IS UNKNOWN:

NETTA BERMAN	6/27/58
NORMAN BERMAN	6/27/58
IRVING GILBERT	4/18/58
ALFRED GREEN	4/4/57
GUS HALL	9/12/57
MORRIS HYELDON	1/9/57
DAVID KATE	3/2/58
STANLEY KATE	3/20/57
ANTHONY KICHMATEK	7/23/58
PEARL LEVIN	3/2/58
SOL BAK LEVIN	6/27/58
HYMAN LAMER	Aug. '58
FRANCES LUMPELN	Jan. '57
MARY MILES	7/30/58
HORTENSE MITCHELL	Aug. '57

MEMBERS UNKNOWN SECTION
AND CLUB IN JV (cont'd)

AMOS MURPHY 1/15/58
MORRIS RAPPAPORT May '58
BERNARD SILASKO 10/7/57
ABRAHAM STRAUSS 7/17/58
MARGARET WHEERY 11/17/57

ROBERT KIELO - T

[REDACTED] - T
JULIUS CZINCZAR - T

EUGENE DUCHAN - T

LIDBY DUCHAN - T

ABRAHAM KLEFF - T

LEO FENSTER - T

BEN GRAY - T

CHARLOTTE HAZOFF - T

WILLARD HAZOFF - T

FRED HAUG - T

MARIE HAUG - T

HERBERT HIRSCHBERG - T

DOROTHY HUTCHISON - T

JAMES B. JACKSON - T

LUCELIOUS JENNINGS - T

JOSEPH KAHEN - T

NORMA KAHEN - T

[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T

EUGENE NADLER - T

HARRIET NADLER - T

HARVEY O'BRIEN - T

[REDACTED] - T

[REDACTED] - T

[REDACTED] - T

[REDACTED] - T

[REDACTED] - T

DONALD ROTHENBERG - T

[REDACTED] - T

HENRY SINGEL - T

JOSEPH N. SIMANS - T

JAMES SMID - T

CHARLES STEINER - T

WYATON TENNENBAUM - T

[REDACTED] - T

[REDACTED] - T

EDWARD WEBB - T

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HANSFIELD SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

None

OFFICERS

Unknown

CLUBS - UNKNOWN

Members

ANNA DITTRICH - T
JEAN DITTRICH - T
OTTO DITTRICH - T
ROBERT DITTRICH - T
[redacted] - T

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NORWALK SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

None

OFFICERS

Unknown

CLUBS-UNKNOWN

MEMBERS

[redacted] - T
ILENE GRAHAM - T
[redacted] - T
WILLIAM WRIGHT - T

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TOLEDO SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

[redacted], not a CP member

OFFICERS

Unknown

CLUBS-UNKNOWN

MEMBERS

SARIMA WINTER
JOHN STAMPLE - T
[redacted] - T

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YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

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OFFICERS

Unknown

YOUNGSTOWN SECTION (Cont'd)

CLUBS-UNKNOWN

MEMBERS

HERBERT KRANSDORF	7/13/58
ELI NADRIKH	7/13/58
SIDNEY RACKOFF	7/13/58
JOHN YUKOVICH	6/25/58
PETER WENZEL	1/27/57
ANDREW BATHORY - T	
JOHN BESKID - T	
SPIRIDON CONANITZ - T	
[REDACTED] - T	
HESTY RACKOFF - T	
[REDACTED] - T	

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OHIO VALLEY SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE



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OFFICERS

Chairman of Exec. Comm.

GENNE KUHN

STEUBENVILLE CLUB

Officers

Chairman

CHARLES PALMER

8/14/58

Informant Coverage



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Members

ARTHUR COATES
FLOYD WELLS
ERNEST PARKER
CHARLES PEACH
DAN CALUGAR

8/14/58
3/14/58
8/14/58
8/14/58
8/14/58

WHEELING CLUB

Officers

Chairman

Treasurer

GENNE KUHN
JOHN BIRCH

8/14/58
8/14/58

Members

FRED WALCHLI	8/14/58
FRANK TROYAN	8/14/58
MARY TROYAN	8/14/58
JOHN FARMY	8/14/58
SHIRLEY FARMY	8/14/58
ANDY DORRIS, Sr.	8/14/58

Informant Coverage

FRANKLIN COUNTY SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

OFFICERS

None

CLUBS

None

Section Membership

WILLIAM PROSSER	7/1/58
CHARLES SAUNDERS	7/1/58
JAYMES SAUNDERS	7/1/58
LEILA MAE HOPSLY	7/1/58
DAVID JACKSON	7/1/58
LEILA JACKSON	7/1/58
EARLEEN WILLIAMS	7/1/58
OSCAR ENILACK	7/1/58
JOHN WILSON	7/1/58
TOM MC GARVEY	7/1/58
[REDACTED]	- T 7/1/58
[REDACTED]	- T 7/1/58
[REDACTED]	- T 7/1/58
YENA KAUFMAN	7/1/58

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

None

OFFICERS

Organizer
Chairman of Exec. Comm.

ANN HILL
HARRY MC GILL

MEMBERS

LEN MARKLAND - T
[REDACTED] - T

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY SECTION (Cont'd)

MEMBERS (Cont'd)

[REDACTED] - T
JOHN ROMER - T
[REDACTED] 8/27/58
WALTER LOHMAN - T
ANN HILL 8/27/58
WILLIAM NELSON - T
[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T
[REDACTED] - T
TALNADEN RALEY - T
OLIVER LOUD - T
CARL STEVENS - T

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HAMILTON COUNTY SECTION

INFORMANT COVERAGE

[REDACTED]

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OFFICERS

Chairman
Exec. Committee Members

DAVID BROWN
WAYNE GARRETT
EDDIE COX

Members

GEORGE BANNISTER 8/27/58
MARTIN BERMAN 8/27/58
MARY BERMAN 8/27/58
DAVID BROWN 8/27/58
EDMUND BROWN 8/27/58
VERA BROWN 8/27/58
EDDIE COX 8/27/58
ROSCOE JAMES DANSON 9/3/58
HELYA DEAN 8/27/58
MARTIN DEAN 8/27/58
EMMA EAVES 8/27/58
WAYNE GARRETT 8/27/58
OSCAR GOULD 8/27/58
LIZETTE KLARIN 9/3/58
JULIUS KLARIN 9/3/58
RICHARD MC NABON 8/27/58
HELEN OGLETREE BLALOCK 8/27/58

HAMILTON COUNTY SECTION (Cont'd)

Members (Cont'd)

CHARLES PAYNE
PETE STARK

8/27/58
9/3/58

[REDACTED]
JOE STEIN - T
BARNEY OSCAR STROM - T
[REDACTED] - T
VIOLA M. BROWN - T

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[REDACTED] - T

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)(100-358086)

October 27, 1958

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255)(100-22807)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau 9/19/58. Enclosed herewith are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the names of the individuals added to and deleted from that list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division.

No anonymous source material has been received since referenced letter that is of any value in determining the overall CP membership or the identity of individual members in this division. [] has not been successfully contacted since MARTIN CHANCEY moved, and the security factor prohibits efforts to recontact this source at this time. b7D

As of the beginning of October, 1958, a nightly surveillance program has been instituted and it is expected that this will provide some additional information as to the identity of members in this area.

The current membership of the CP in the area of this division is now estimated as 280, taking into account the two deletions as set forth in enclosed memorandum.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	280
Numbers of members identified in past 45 days	7
Number of persons identified to date	104
Number of persons tentatively identified to date	114

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Following are the additions and deletions to the list of known and tentative Communist Party members, as submitted by Cleveland letter dated September 19, 1953.

ADDITIONS

YOUNGSTOWN SECTION	-	JEAN KRANSDORF - known CP member
		JOHN NADRICH - " " "
		KATHERINE NADRICH - " " "
		TOM NADRICH - " " "
		LEAH LOIS SALO - " " "
		THEODORE SALO - " " "
		FRANCES VUKOVICH - " " "
NORTHEAST SECTION	-	MELBOURNE MITCHELL - known CP member
WARD 24 CLUB		

DELETIONS

INDUSTRIAL SECTION	-	IRVING CHUDNER - resigned from CP
AUTO CLUB		
SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN	-	MARGARET WHERRY - refused to register

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Director, FBI (100-3-68)(100-358086)

November 26, 1958

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255)(100-22807)

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Re Cleveland letter to Director dated 9-19-58 captioned as above and Cleveland letter dated 11-7-58 captioned "LUCELIUS WILBUR JENNINGS, was., SM-C," (Bufile 100-390138).

In referenced Cleveland letter 9-19-58, JENNINGS was listed as a tentative CP member in Cleveland. Referenced Cleveland letter 11-7-58 requested that JENNINGS be deleted from the Security Index and pointed out that no CP membership had ever been established on his part; however, he had been active in front organizations and it was felt that this activity was as a result of his marriage to ETHEL GOODMAN JENNINGS, known CP member in Cleveland, and because of this association he was listed as a tentative CP member. As pointed out in referenced Cleveland letter 11-7-58, JENNINGS is no longer living with his wife and has not been for some time in the past. *-CLEVELAND*

He is therefore being deleted from the Cleveland tentative membership list.

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Director, FBI (100-3-60) (100-358086)

December 16, 1958

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255)(100-22607)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 12-27-58. Enclosed herewith are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the names of the individuals added to and deleted from the list of known and tentative members in the Cleveland Division.

No anonymous source material has been received since referenced letter. The home of MARTIN CHANCEY is the logical place to obtain desired information concerning the local CP membership, but for security reasons, we are still unable to contact this source. Investigation is still being conducted in an effort to make this source available. The nightly surveillance program, instituted in October 1958, has not to date produced any positive information as to membership. Additions and deletions, as set forth in the attached memorandum, result from information furnished by live informants.

Current membership of the CP in the area of the Cleveland Office is now estimated as 279, there being one deletion as a result of the death of KARL ENGLES CARRIGAN of Akron.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	-	279
Number of members identified in past 45 days	-	4
Number of persons identified to date	-	109
Number of persons tentatively identified to date	-	114

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Following are the additions and deletions to the list of known and tentative Communist Party members, as submitted by the Cleveland Office by letter dated October 27, 1958.

ADDITIONS

Heights Section

- EUGENE BAYER - known CP member
- SELMA BAYER - known CP member
- ANN PACKER - known CP member
- BERNARD PACIFIC - known CP member

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Section Unknown

- VIOLET TARCAI - known CP member
- - tentative CP member

DELETIONS

Akron Section

- KARL ENGLES CARRIGAN - formerly
carried as tentative member

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) (100-330036)

June 12, 1959

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255) (100-22307)

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Re Cleveland letter to Bureau 4/23/59.

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the names of persons added to and deleted from the list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division.

With the exception of live informants, the principal source of information concerning membership has been material furnished from an anonymous source from the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY, who has been in charge of membership information. The residence of [redacted] for the West Side Section of the Cleveland CP has also been a source of valuable membership information. b6 b7C

Efforts to contact these sources in recent months have been unsuccessful, primarily, in the case of CHANCEY, because he very seldom leaves home during the daytime when his child is in school, and when he does leave, it is for too short a time to assure a safe contact with this source.

[redacted] how and what effect this will have on contacting this source is not known at this time. b6 b7C

The GUS HALL Banquet held on May 10, 1959, did not produce the results expected so far as membership is concerned. CHANCEY had originally indicated that the list of persons to be invited would be used as a guide for the registration of CP members. He had indicated that a select group was to be invited. [redacted] CHANCEY and [redacted]

However, the facts are that people were invited to the banquet who have had no connection with the CP for years; people were sent invitations who have been dead for several years.

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people were invited who had moved away from Cleveland years ago; and invitations were sent to persons at addresses from which the person had moved as long ago as 1952. Thus, although photographs were taken of people in attendance, and although well over 100 persons present have been identified, their attendance is of little value in proving membership.

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[redacted] the CP leadership in an effort to contact section and city leaders in connection with the "Worker" campaign. To assure his security, no surveillance program will be reinstated immediately.

It is noted in the attached memorandum that there is a decided drop in the number of tentatively identified members. This results from the regulation requiring evidence of membership or tentative membership within the past twelve months.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division-----	259
Number of members identified in the past 45 days-----	4
Number of persons identified to date-----	207
Number of persons tentatively identified to date-----	91

Cleveland, Ohio
June 12, 1959

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
MEMBERSHIP
SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Following are the additions and deletions to the list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division, as set forth in referenced letter:

ADDITIONS

CLEVELAND

CEDAR-GLENVILLE SECTION, aka
NORTHEAST SECTION

ELLA ALLEN -- CPM (CP Member)
VAN TIMMONS -- CPM

WEST SIDE SECTION

GEORGE HOMOLA -- CPM
JERRY MARSIK --- CPM
PAUL ZAZRIVY --- Tentative CPM

UNKNOWN SECTION-CLEVELAND

[REDACTED] -- Tentative CPM
[REDACTED] --- Tentative CPM
MARTIN ROBBINS --- Tentative CPM

YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN SECTION

PETER WENZEN -- Tentative CPM

It is noted that [REDACTED] WENZEN and ZAZRIVY were formerly carried as known CP members.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: January 14, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23165)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF
INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Re Bureau letter to Albany 10/2/58.

The following are the statistics of the Cleveland Division's Communist Index Program:

1. At the beginning of the program there were 424 individuals on the Communist Index.
2. As of January 14, 1959, there were 426 individuals on the Communist Index. The increase represents a net gain of 2 individuals who were deleted from the Security Index over individuals added to the Security Index from the Communist Index.
3. During the period up to January 14, 1959, no individuals were removed from the Communist Index.
4. No informants or potential informants were developed.
5. Two individuals were placed on the Security Index as a result of this program.
6. No espionage cases were opened.
7. No individuals were found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors.
8. No instances were noted where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's over-all security responsibilities.

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January 28, 1959

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255)(100-22807)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

SECURITY INDEX

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated December 16, 1958, captioned as above, and Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated January 6, 1959, pertaining only to the Membership file.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the names of persons added to and deleted from the list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division.

One anonymous source was contacted since referenced letter, that being at the home of [redacted] Continuing efforts are being made to contact a source at the home of MARTIN CHANGEY, who handles membership information for the Ohio CP. This source will be contacted when security permits. The nightly surveillance program started in October, 1958, and still in effect, has not produced any membership information on persons whose CP membership is not already known to this office.

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Current membership in the Cleveland Division territory of the Ohio District CP is now estimated as 189, compared to the estimate of 279 as set forth in referenced letter dated December 16, 1959. The explanation for this reduction is set forth in detail in referenced airtel dated January 6, 1959.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	-	189
Number of members identified in last 45 days	-	4
Number of persons identified to date	-	113
Number of persons tentatively identified to date	-	115

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Following are the additions and deletions to the list of known and tentative Communist Party members, as submitted by the Cleveland Division by letter dated December 16, 1958:

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ADDITIONS

West Side Section

[REDACTED] - tentative CP member
MYRON MARSIK - tentative CP member
PETE WNOROWSKI - known CP member
formerly carried as tentative member

North East Section

CHARLES JACKSON - known CP member
FRED O'NEAL - known CP member

Warren, Ohio CP
(section unknown)

MICHAEL BABINCHAK - known CP member

DELETIONS

Unknown Section

LUCILIUS JENNINGS

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Director, FBI (100-3-68)(100-358086)

March 13, 1959

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255)(100-22807)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1-28-59. Enclosed herewith are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the names of persons added to and deleted from the list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division.

An anonymous source was contacted at the home of MARTIN CHANCEY on March 2, 1959, but due to malfunction of the camera, no information was obtained. Steps have been taken to again contact this source at CHANCEY's as soon as security permits, since previous information received from this source has been of great value concerning the CP registration figures and concerning the organizational structure and activities of the local CP. A nightly surveillance program is still in effect in an effort to identify new CP members, to show activity on the part of known former members, and in the hopes of developing prospects for potential informants. Concentration has been on the West Side CP Section since the latter part of January, but the only activity noted has been contacts between CP leaders, or section meetings, so that no new members have been identified as a result of these surveillances. This surveillance activity is being continued.

Additions and deletions, as set forth in the attached memorandum, result from information furnished by live informants.

Estimated CP members in Cleveland Division - 189
Number of members identified in past 45 days - 4
Number of persons identified to date - 115
Number of persons tentatively identified to date - 116

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Following are the additions and deletions to the list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division, as set forth in referenced communications.

ADDITIONS

CEDAR-GLENVILLE SECTION - JEAN ROBBINS- known CP member
SARAH SPENCER- known CP member
WEST SIDE SECTION - [REDACTED] - tentative CP member
YOUNGSTOWN CP SECTION - ELLSWORTH JACKSON- known CP member
member
ROSALYN SIMS- known CP member

DELETIONS

YOUNGSTOWN SECTION - JOHN NADRICH
[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: April 14, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23165)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF
INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Re Bureau letter to Albany 10/2/58 and Cleveland letter to Bureau 1/14/59.

The following are the statistics of the Cleveland Division's Communist Index Program:

1. At the beginning of the program there were 424 individuals on the Communist Index.
2. As of April 14, 1959, there were 400 individuals on the Communist Index. This represents a net loss of 24 individuals deleted over those added to the Communist Index.
3. During the period up to April 14, 1959, 29 individuals were removed from the Communist Index.
4. No informants or potential informants were developed.
5. Two individuals were placed on the Security Index as a result of this program.
6. No espionage cases were opened.
7. Six individuals were found to be employed at key facilities and none by classified contractors.
8. No instances were noted where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's overall security responsibilities.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-66)(100-358086)

April 28, 1959

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17233)(100-22807)

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CLEVELAND DIVISION

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 3/13/59.

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum setting forth the names of persons added to and deleted from the list of known and tentative CP members in the Cleveland Division.

Efforts to contact an anonymous source at the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY have been unsuccessful since March 2, 1959, primarily because CHANCEY does not leave his residence for a sufficient length of time to provide adequate security for the contact of this source. This source will be recontacted when the opportunity arises.

The nightly surveillance program, instituted for the purpose of identifying CP members and in the hopes of developing prospects for potential security informants, was temporarily discontinued on April 16, 1959, for the following reasons:

A banquet is scheduled for GUS HALL to be held on May 10th at Bohemian National Hall, Cleveland. [redacted] advises that a list of persons to whom invitations to this banquet will be sent is being prepared by MARTIN CHANCEY and ANTHONY KRCHMAREK through their contact with various old time CP members. This list is to serve not only for this banquet, but as a guide for the registration of CP members. [redacted]

[redacted] to be handled along with this contact of old time members by CHANCEY and KRCHMAREK. This would necessitate [redacted]

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These contacts by CHANCEY, KROGMAREK and [redacted] are to be made at night and it is felt that this office's nightly surveillance program might interfere with this plan [redacted]

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The program is, therefore, temporarily discontinued. Arrangements are being made to photograph the person attending the banquet.

Additions and deletions, as set forth in the attached memorandum, result from information furnished by various informants.

Estimated CP members in Cleveland Division	101
Number of members identified in past 45 days	2
Number of persons identified to date	116
Number of persons tentatively identified to date	133



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

April 23, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-17285

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
MEMBERSHIP
SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Following are the additions and deletions to
the list of known and tentative CP members in the
Cleveland Division, as set forth in referenced
communication.

ADDITIONS

Youngstown Section

SPIRODEN COMANTZ -
Known CP member

Canton Section

CARL GUILLOD -
Known CP member

DELETIONS

Warren-Youngstown Section

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West Side Section



Professional Section

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: June 30, 1959

FROM: *Wam* SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23165)SUBJECT: *po* SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY--C*W* Re Bureau letter to Albany 10/2/58 and Cleveland letter to Bureau 4/14/59.

The following are the statistics of the Cleveland Division's Communist Index Program:

1. At the beginning of the program there were 424 individuals on the Communist Index.
2. As of June 30, 1959, there were 376 individuals on the Communist Index. This represents a net loss of 48 individuals deleted over those added to the Communist Index.
3. During the period April 15, 1959 to June 30, 1959, 38 individuals were removed from the Communist Index.
4. No informants or potential informants were developed.
5. Four individuals were placed on the Security Index as a result of this program.
6. No espionage cases were opened.
7. Sixteen individuals were found to be employed at key facilities and none by classified contractors. *U*
8. No instances were noted where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's over-all security responsibilities.

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July 27, 1959

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255) (100-22807)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau 6/12/59.

There has been no membership drive or membership registration by the Ohio CP for year 1959, and no such registration is known to be contemplated. Changes in estimated membership figures therefore result from instances where persons are reported to have either quit the CP, transferred to another District CP, or recently joined the CP, as reported by live informants.

The best overall membership information, which this office feels it has a possibility of obtaining, is that believed to be maintained by MARTIN CHANCEY, who handles the work of Ohio CP Organizational Secretary. [redacted] furnished this information in the past, but efforts to recontact this informant have produced no results, primarily because there is almost always someone at the CHANCEY home, principally CHANCEY himself who is employed operating a language service bureau from his home, and whom the informant has been unable to lure away from home even with the prospects of additional work. This office has recently learned that CHANCEY plans on going to Washington, D.C., on Friday, July 31, 1959, and it is hoped that the source can be contacted at that time. b7D

The nightly surveillance program, which this office operated from October, 1958, to the middle of April, 1959, and which was discontinued so as to not cause possible disclosure of an informant, will be reinstituted on approximately August 1, 1959, in the hopes that it will provide membership information on individuals, and in addition, produce valuable information on the activities of the local CP.

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Membership information covering the Cleveland Office territory of the CP Ohio district is as follows:

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division -----	185
Number of members identified in the past 45 days-----	4
Number of persons identified to date -----	109
Number of persons tentatively identified to date-----	50

DIRECTOR, FBI

September 11, 1959

SAC, CLEVELAND

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 7-27-59.

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As previously set forth, this office feels that the best available membership information is that believed maintained by MARTIN CHANCEY. During the week of August 17, 1959, CHANCEY was on vacation in Conneaut, Ohio, and on August 19th an attempt to conduct an anonymous source at his residence was unsuccessful. However, on August 21st, although the source was contacted, it was learned that CHANCEY had removed all Communist material pertaining to membership, organization etc from his files. Surveillance of CHANCEY at Conneaut at the time of this contact lead agents to believe that he had taken this material with him. The contact with this anonymous source was therefore unsuccessful so far as membership information is concerned.

During the first week of August, this office reinstituted the nightly surveillance program in the hope that it will produce some evidence of membership on the part of individuals. Information from live informants shows that the local CP has been unusually inactive this summer, some sections apparently holding no meetings at all. As a result the surveillance program has not, as yet, produced any results.

Since referenced letter, live informants have produced membership evidence on two additional persons, and the statistics for the Cleveland Office territory of the Ohio District CP are now as follows:

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Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division-----	185
Number of persons identified in past 45 days-----	2
Number of persons identified to date-----	111
Number of persons tentatively identified to date-----	50

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: October 23, 1959

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23165)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58, and Cleveland letter to Bureau 6/30/59.

The following are the overall statistics of the Cleveland Division's Communist Index Program:

- (1) At the beginning of the program there were 424 individuals on the Communist Index.
- (2) At the conclusion of the program there are 352 individuals contained in the Cleveland Communist Index.
- (3) During the program a net of 72 individuals were deleted over those added.
- (4) No informants or potential informants were developed.
- (5) Five individuals were placed on the Security Index as a result of this program.
- (6) No Espionage cases were opened.
- (7) Twenty-seven individuals were found to be employed by key facilities, however, none by classified contractors.
- (8) No instances were noted where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's overall security responsibilities.

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to the Bureau, dated 9/11/59.

Since referenced letter, information from live informants has been the only source of membership information. The Cleveland Communist Party has been particularly inactive during this past summer. There has been no known activity on the part of the Heights and Professional Sections. The Southeast Section has been relatively inactive, it being "too hot" according to the Section organizer. The West Side Section has been inactive until recent weeks. The result is that informants have produced little information concerning membership, and the surveillance activities of this office have not been productive, until recent weeks.

No anonymous sources have been contacted since referenced letter. Although this office has been in almost constant contact with the activities of MARTIN CHANCEY, the State Organizational Secretary, no opportunity has arisen for the contacting of an anonymous source.

Since referenced letter there have been the following changes in the membership status:

Two former known members have been deleted, due to inactivity on the part of one, and because the other former Communist Party member joined the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist Leninist Communist Party. Two former known members have been placed on the tentative list. Two persons formerly tentatively identified have been placed on the known list, and a third person has definitely been identified as a known Communist Party member.

The statistics for the Cleveland office are therefore as follows:

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Estimated Communist Party members in the Cleveland
Division ----- 185

Number of persons identified in past 45 days ---- 3

Number of persons identified to date ----- 110

Number of persons tentatively identified to date -50

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255)(100-22807)

November 5, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-68)(100-358086)

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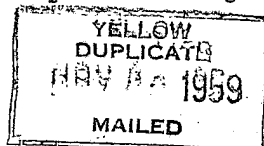
A review of relet together with prior letters submitted by your office under the provisions of the membership identification program disclose that little progress has been made in recent months in positively identifying Communist Party (CP) members in your division. The need for placing emphasis on this phase of the Bureau's work has been pointed out to you on prior occasions and the Bureau expects that this matter will be afforded continuous and preferred attention to enable us to fulfill our basic responsibilities. While the Bureau realizes there has been a minimum of Party activity in some areas of the country, the forthcoming 17th National Convention is revitalizing the Party in many sections. Emphasis is being placed by the Party on the recruitment of members, bringing dues payments up to date and on preconvention discussions, all of which are resulting in increased Party activity.

The Bureau expects the next 45-day progress letter submitted by your office will show some definite improvement in your efforts to positively identify CP members in the Cleveland division. It is suggested that in furtherance of this objective, you thoroughly familiarize yourself with the provisions of SAC Letter 59-66, paragraph H.

Relet disclosed that 110 persons have been identified "to date" as CP members by the Cleveland Division. As you know, a person must have been identified as a CP member during the preceding 12 months to meet the Bureau's criteria as a positively identified CP member. In your

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Letter to Cleveland

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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next 45-day letter, you should include in the category of positively identified CP members, only those identified as such within the preceding 12-month period.

Director, FBI (100-3-68; 100-358865)

January 26, 1960

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255; 100-22307)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Cleveland let, 12/14/59. This letter advised that an anonymous source had been contacted at the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY on December 10, 1959. A study of this material shows it to be membership information of previous years, and of no value at this time.

Efforts to contact an anonymous source at the residence of [redacted] were made on January 6, 13 and 15, 1960, after first having established the pattern of activity of the various members of the [redacted] family. The source was contacted on January 15, 1960, and although the information obtained has not yet been developed, it appeared to be limited to fund information, being checks, receipts, etc., with very few names mentioned.

As of this time, efforts are being made to contact a source at the residence of [redacted] believed to be [redacted] of the CP West Side Section.

Statistics for the Cleveland Division, with known CP members being limited to those identified within the past year, are as follows:

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division -----	185
Number of persons identified within the past 45 days	3
Number of persons identified to date -----	92
Number of persons tentatively identified to date ---	56

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March 10, 1960

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255; 100-22807)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Cleveland letter of 1/26/60.

On February 2, 1960, [] advised of a meeting of the CP Cedar-Glenville Section held January 25, 1960, at which there was discussion pertaining to the reorganization of the CP sections in Cleveland. BERTRAM WASHINGTON, part-time CP functionary in charge of Negro work, stated that there were plans to reorganize the sections in Cleveland so that there would be only three sections, being the West Side Section, East Side Section, and a Suburban Section. WASHINGTON pointed out that this would mean that there would be about forty members in each of the three sections in Cleveland. b7D

[] stated that although BERTRAM WASHINGTON did not say so, it appeared evident to him [] that this matter of dividing up the membership into three sections of forty each had previously been discussed at a meeting of the leading CP functionaries in the Ohio CP. MARTIN CHANCEY, then Organizational Secretary of the Ohio CP, was present at this meeting and expressed no disagreement with WASHINGTON's estimate of forty persons per section. b7D

Other informants of the Cleveland Office have obtained no information concerning the overall membership of the Cleveland CP.

The anonymous source contacted at the residence of MARTIN CHANCEY on January 15, 1960, was unproductive except for old membership information. CHANCEY has recently been

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[redacted], and it is likely that he now maintains the records previously kept by CHANCEY. Consequently, efforts of the Cleveland Office are now concentrated on contacting a source at [redacted]'s home.

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This reorganization of the Cleveland CP sections has not yet taken place, but it is reasonable to assume that an estimated membership of 120 CP members in greater Cleveland, based on WASHINGTON's figures, is justified.

The estimated CP members in the territory covered by the Cleveland Office has therefore been reduced to 161. This figure is arrived at as follows:

Cleveland Sections-	- - - -	-120
Cedar Glenville-	- - - -	-35
West Side-	- - - -	-43
Southeast-	- - - -	-8
Heights-	- - - -	-34
Canton-	- - - -	3
Lorain-	- - - -	1
Painesville	- - - -	1
Toledo-	- - - -	1
Norwalk	- - - -	6
Youngstown-	- - - -	16
Akron	- - - -	5
Mansfield	- - - -	4
Columbiana-	- - - -	4

Total 161

Estimated CP Members in the Cleveland Division - -161

Number of Persons Identified Within Past 45 Days - 8

Number of Persons Identified to Date - - - - - 92

Number of Persons Tentatively Identified to Date - 49

The 92 persons identified to date includes only those persons identified as members within the past year.

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SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255) (100-22807)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 7-27-60.

Efforts to contact an Anonymous Source at the home of [redacted] on August 4, 1960, and at the home of [redacted] on August 10, 1960, were unsuccessful. The Source was contacted at [redacted] residence on August 18, 1960. [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party (CP) West Side Section, attends meetings of the CP, USA Steel Commission, and recently attended a CP leadership school held in Detroit, and it was therefore felt that he might have membership information, and surely would have information pertaining to CP activity in steel, and pertaining to the school which he recently attended. However, little of value was obtained.

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The local CP has been inactive during this summer, with very few CP meetings being held and little other CP activity. The [redacted], EDITH GAINES and FRIEDA KATZ have all remarked that activity would be resumed after the hot weather is over. Because of this lack of activity, there has been no change in the known membership information in the past forty-five days. The estimated membership is reduced from 148 to 146 due to the moving of GUS HALL and his wife.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	146
Number of persons identified in past 45 days	0
Number of persons identified to date	88
Number of persons tentatively identified to date	42

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○ SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau 9/12/60.

Since referenced letter, considerable Agent time has been spent in an effort to contact an Anonymous Source at the residences of either ROBERT GUNKEL or FRIEDA HARRIS. Efforts to contact this source at the GUNKEL residence have met with negative results. At the HARRIS residence, the source can be contacted when security permits, but on the only occasion when both FRIEDA and JOSEPH HARRIS were both away from home, they had permitted a woman to remain at the apartment. It is believed that they hope to sublet the apartment to this woman when they leave for Florida for the winter.

No information has been received from informants concerning membership of any individuals not already identified. The local CP has been extremely inactive this summer and fall, with very few CP club meetings being reported by informants. Neither has any information been received indicating that the Ohio CP has started, or made plans for, a CP registration.

Because of the lack of CP activity as reported by informants, at the beginning of October this office reinstituted a nightly surveillance program for the purpose of confirming or disproving the fact that the CP is inactive, as reported by informants, or if active, to identify persons attending CP meetings. As of October 26, 1960, no meetings have been discovered being held by either the CP Heights or CP Professional groups. It is anticipated that if no meetings are located for either of these sections over the period of

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one month, the surveillance will then be shifted to other sections.

As a result of the inactivity of the CP, only two new members have been identified over the past 45 days. There also is no change in the estimated CP membership in the area covered by the Cleveland Office.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division-----	146
Number of persons identified in past 45 days-----	0
Number of persons identified to date-----	90
Number of persons tentatively identified to date----	45

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December 12, 1960

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Re Cleveland let, 10/27/60.

An Anonymous Source was contacted on November 18, 1960, at the residence of BRADFORD BINGHAM, who is in charge of "The Worker" sales in the Cleveland area. No information of value in determining Communist Party (CP) membership was obtained from that contact.

The nightly physical surveillance program was conducted through October and November, in an effort to locate CP meetings and thus identify some CP members. However, no meetings were located. This program is only being conducted on a limited basis in December due to the number of Agents assigned to other work requiring completion in December. It is expected that this program will be resumed on a nightly basis in January.

Extensive plans made to contact an Anonymous Source at the residence of [redacted] Ohio CP [redacted] produced no results. It was hoped this source could be contacted during the time [redacted] for [redacted] in late November. However, surveillance showed that [redacted] was at the [redacted] home during all the time [redacted] was at the [redacted]

Information recently received from informants shows that a CP registration is now in progress in Cleveland, and there has recently been some CP meetings held. It is hoped

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that Anonymous Sources, to be contacted in the near future, will furnish the needed membership information.

Six new members have been identified since referenced letter, but due to the number deleted from the former list, because of their membership not having been confirmed within the past twelve months, the number of persons identified to date is only increased by one.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division-----	146
Number of persons identified in past 45 days-----	6
Number of persons identified to date-----	91
Number of persons tentatively identified to date-----	41

Director, FBI (100-3-68) (100-358086)

January 27, 1961

SAC, Cleveland (100-17255) (100-22807)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CLEVELAND DIVISION
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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter 12-12-60.

An anonymous source was contacted at the residence of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK on 12-16-60. No information concerning the overall District membership was available but information obtained does indicate the manner in which the Ohio CP arrives at its membership figures. A number of forms, apparently completed by club leaders, were obtained, the first question on the form being, "How many do you estimate as the total membership of your club? In other words, how many consider themselves members of the club whether they pay dues or attend meetings or not? How many members pay dues? How many come to meetings once a year twice a year more or less regularly?"

Answers to these questions, of course, varied from club to club. For example one club stated that 10 consider themselves members, 10 pay dues and 6 attend meetings more or less regularly. A second club stated 12 consider themselves members, 9 pay dues and 9 attend meetings more or less regularly. A third club stated 12 consider themselves members, 10 pay dues and 5 attend meetings more or less regularly. And a fourth club stated 8 consider themselves members, 8 pay dues, but in answer to the question of how regularly they meet, there was this notation: "Are met personally - Don't function as org. club that meets."

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The above information indicates that CP membership figures are not determined from an actual registration, but are the result of estimates of club membership.

Ohio District membership estimated by this office, has heretofore been shown as 164, with 17 of these being in the territory of the Cincinnati Office, and one in the Pittsburgh Office territory, leaving an estimated 146 CP members in the Cleveland Office territory. Recent information shows this figure to be high.

Dues received by the CP, USA from the Ohio CP for the year 1959 totaled 1994, for an estimated membership of 166, but it is known that during November and December of 1959, concentrated efforts were made to collect dues so as to increase the number of delegates the Ohio CP would be entitled to send to the 17th Convention. Thus this figure might be high.

Dues payments for the Ohio CP for the year 1960 totaled 1201, for an average dues paying membership of 100 during the year 1960.

On 5-15-60 CG 5824-S* reported CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as remarking that he had information that the Ohio CP had only 125 members.

[redacted] on 12-15-60 that there are 189 Communists in the area, but less than one third of them are active CP members.

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During the course of traveling to New York to attend a meeting of the CP, USA National Committee, ANTHONY KRCHMAREK [redacted] that the membership of the Ohio CP was 189.

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[redacted] states that this figure is greatly exaggerated by KRCHMAREK for the purpose of impressing the CP national leadership.

This office feels that the 100 dues paying members for the year 1960 does not accurately reflect the Ohio CP membership for the facts show that there are those persons who are considered as members even though they neither pay dues or attend meetings.

Dues payments for the last six months of 1960, which includes the month of December when a drive was on to register all members and have them pay their dues up to date, indicates a membership of 120 members, and this is the figure that will currently be used in estimating Ohio District membership.

Since 17 of these members are in the Cincinnati Office territory and one in the Pittsburgh Office territory, there remains an estimated 102 CP members in the territory covered by the Cleveland Office.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division.....	102
Number of persons identified in past 45 days.....	5
Number of persons identified to date.....	92
Number of persons tentatively identified to date.....	10

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March 15, 1961

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS - *100-17257*

Re Cleveland letter, 1/27/61.

The possibility of contacting an anonymous source has been constantly surveyed by this office, particularly with reference to the residences of ANTHONY KROCHMAREK, Chairman of the Ohio District Communist Party, [redacted] of the Ohio Communist Party, EDWARD CHAKA and MARTIN CHANCEY. No opportunity has arisen where the circumstances and security were such as to permit contacting this source.

[redacted] advised on February 5, 1961, that she and her family would be out of town from March 11, to March 25th. Surveillances are being conducted to determine whether the entire [redacted] family does leave and if so whether the opportunity will present itself to contact this source.

The nightly surveillance program was reinstituted this month in an effort to obtain additional organizational and membership information.

As instructed by Bureau, the estimated membership of the Communist Party in the territory of the Cleveland Office is being restated as 140, rather than 102 as set forth in referenced letter. It is noted that NY-2002-S*, on February 14, 1961, reported dues payments for the Ohio Communist Party for the 12 month period of February, 1960 through January, 1961, as being 1058, representing a dues paying membership of 88.

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Division	Estimated Communist Party members in the Cleveland
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	Number of Persons identified in past 45 days ... 3
	Number of Persons identified to date 88
	Number of Persons tentatively identified to date 23

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May 2, 1961

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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○ SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter dated 3/15/61.

There has been no change in the membership information since referenced letter. None of the Cleveland informants have been able to furnish any information concerning the overall membership of the Ohio Communist Party (CP) and neither have they furnished any substantial information concerning CP membership on the part of any persons not previously identified.

On March 28, 1961, an Anonymous Source was conducted at the residence of Bradford Bingham, who handles distribution of "The Worker" in the Cleveland area. No information concerning CP membership nor concerning the membership of any particular individual was obtained from this source.

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No opportunity has yet arisen for the contacting of an Anonymous Source at the residence of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, EDWARD CHAKA, [redacted] or MARTIN CHANCEY. [redacted] had reported that her family would be out of town during the middle of March, and it was hoped that a source could be contacted at that time. However, nightly surveillance determined that someone was home at the [redacted] residence during this entire period.

The nightly surveillance program is being continued, but with no results to date so far as membership is concerned

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Efforts are being continued for the development of a source that will produce membership and organization information.

There is no change in the estimated membership of the CP in the Cleveland Office territory.

Estimated CP members in Cleveland Division territory	146
Number of new persons identified in past 45 days	2
Number of persons identified to date	90
Number of persons tentatively identified to date	23

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

MEMBERSHIP

SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter dated May 2, 1961.

Neither informants, surveillances, nor an anonymous source at the residence of BRADFORD BINGHAM on June 8, 1961, (in charge of circulation of "The Worker" in Cleveland area) have produced any information which will serve to identify new or additional CP members in the Cleveland Office territory.

The condition of the membership in this area was reported on April 27, 1961, by NY 2360-S* who advised of HY LUMER's comments at a discussion at CP Headquarters in New York City. LUMER stated that he had taken a brief trip to Cleveland and came away depressed. He said that he had spoken to a number of people and got a picture of a situation which is not standing still, but rather is going down hill. He said the question of membership has become a very fuzzy thing... and whether a person is or is not a member has become a matter of secondary importance. This is especially true among the Jewish people, especially among the younger ones, where their relationship to the party has become a very vaguely defined thing. LUMER commented that the question of Party organization has progressively gone to pieces. b6 b7C b7D

Further evidence of the situation in Cleveland was reported by [redacted]

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as to the condition in the Ohio CP. [redacted]

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the CP in Ohio has been so terrorized that there have been many defections and the party is now impotent for all practical purposes. She mentioned a number of persons who have either dropped out of the Party completely or who have drastically curtailed their activity. She stated that CP meetings are held irregularly and are not organized, and when they do meet, nothing is accomplished.

From the figures that follow, it will be noted that the CP membership in the Cleveland Office territory is still carried at 146 members, as instructed by the Bureau, although information is continuing to be received indicating that this figure should be decreased. Consideration is being given to submitting a revised membership estimate at the time of submitting the next quarterly report.

It is also noted from the figures submitted hereinafter, that the number of known CP members, identified within the past 12 months, has decreased from 90 to 83, which results from inability to place former known members at a CP meeting within the past year. The number of persons tentatively identified has consequently increased.

It is pointed out that this office only classifies a person as a known CP member if he has attended a CP meeting or a CP function within the past 12 months. Persons who were carried as members, but whose activity in the past year has been limited to front activity, or association with known members, are re-classified as tentative members. Also, persons who in past years have been very active members, but whose current activity is limited to fronts or association with the CP leaders, are carried only as tentative members. If, on conducting an active investigation on these persons, membership can still not be proved, they are deleted from the tentative list and not carried at all. Whether these persons are or are not members, is apparently unknown to the CP as well as this office, for as LUMER states the "membership has become a fuzzy thing".

Although the last anonymous source conducted at the residence of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK produced no information concerning

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membership, it is realized that this is the logical place for membership information of the Ohio CP to be maintained. This office is accordingly mindful of the continuing necessity of again contacting this source when the opportunity arises.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division territory	----	146
Number of new persons identified in past 45 days	----	0
Number of persons identified as CP members within the past 12 months	----	83
Number of persons tentatively identified	----	29

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

July 27, 1961

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-17255)

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Re Cleveland letter dated June 12, 1961.

No definite information has come to the attention of this office in recent months from any source concerning the overall membership of the Ohio District Communist Party (CP). It appears evident that the CP membership is dropping, as evidenced by remarks of [redacted] ANTHONY KRCHMAREK and HY LUMER.

[redacted] that the party has been so terrorized that it has had many defections. LUMER stated in April that the situation in Cleveland is going downhill and that the figures from Ohio are discouraging. ANTHONY KRCHMAREK advised on June 15, 1961, that the ruling of the United States Supreme Court on the question of CP registration will undoubtedly result in the CP losing a substantial number of members in Cleveland. He indicated that these will be persons who are on the fence and who have ideological differences with the party, and who would have left anyway.

Information received from informants indicate very few CP meetings being held, and those few that are held are attended by the same small group that has attended for years. Contributing to the lack of CP activity is the fact that [redacted] left Cleveland on July 19 for a vacation to the West coast.

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It was hoped that, through the employment of unusual investigative techniques, membership and organizational information concerning the Ohio CP might become available this summer. In connection therewith, considerable time was spent and plans made for the redecoration of one of the rooms of the [redacted] residence, all with the enthusiastic approval of the [redacted]. However, just before leaving on vacation, they decided that any redecorating at this time would be useless, because they felt that in all probability [redacted] would be arrested late this summer or early fall as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision requiring the registering of CP members. Whether this hoped for information will now become available appears questionable.

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While a reduction in the estimated Ohio District membership appears justifiable at this time, such estimate will be held in abeyance pending possible receipt of additional facts.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	146
Number of new members identified in past 45 days	0
Number of persons identified as CP members in past 12 months	78
Number of persons tentatively identified	28

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF
INDIVIDUALS

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 7-27-61.

Information furnished by informants this past summer shows the CP locally to have been exceedingly inactive, no CP meetings of any significance being held with one exception, that being a meeting in Cleveland on August 30, 1961, GUS HALL being the speaker, and the meeting being ostensibly for CP leaders. Information furnished by three informants, plus a photographic surveillance, shows that 35 persons attended this meeting, 34 being identified as of this date, and a number of these persons are not in a leadership capacity.

None of the informants has furnished any information concerning the present membership figure of the Ohio CP. However, information has just been received from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted]

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that there are now less than 40 persons who can be relied upon by or who are active in the local CP. This information will be reported in more detail when received in written form from the informant.

No information has been received from anonymous sources during the past 45 days. Such a source will be contacted at the residence of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK when security permits.

The estimated membership figure of 146 for the Ohio District CP appears to be high. However, this figure

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will be retained pending additional facts justifying a lower estimate. The 79 persons, who have been identified within the past 12 months, is limited to those persons who have actually attended a closed CP meeting within that period. Former CP members, on whom there is no activity during the past 12 months, are deleted entirely. Former CP members, who attend some open CP function or front activity during the past 12 months, are reclassified as tentatively identified.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	146
Number of new members identified in past 45 days	7
Number of persons identified as CP members in past 12 months	79
Number of persons tentatively identified	30

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
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Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 9-13-61.

Communist Party activity this past summer and early fall, that would be of any significance in determining CP membership, has been confined to one meeting - the meeting on August 30th at which GUS HALL spoke, and which was reported in referenced letter. It appears that the Party has been marking time, so far as activity on an organized group basis is concerned. Activity has been confined primarily to participation in the activity of the National Assembly for Democratic Rights, and activity against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Neither [redacted] nor any of the other informants of the Cleveland Office have been able to furnish any information of significance concerning the CP membership. b7D

This office has not as yet had an opportunity to contact an Anonymous Source at the residence of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK. The office is, through the assistance of CV 972-S*, constantly on the alert for such an opportunity to arise.

The estimated membership of the CP in the territory covered by the Cleveland Office remains at 146, no additional facts having been received since referenced letter to justify a change in that estimate.

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Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division	146
Number of new members identified in past 45 days	0
Number of persons identified as CP members in past twelve months	79
Number of persons tentatively identified to date.....	29

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Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated June 10, 1960.

This office has just completed a survey of the homes of all CP members, except those who are members of the CP Glenville Section where it is felt that live informant coverage is such that an Anonymous Source would not provide any additional information as to membership. It is noted that not more than four of these members live in apartments. The rest live, for the most part, in private homes, which makes the conducting of an Anonymous Source difficult. It is hoped that the information obtained as a result of this survey will enable this office to conduct more anonymous sources than have been conducted in the past.

Efforts have been made to conduct an Anonymous Source at MARTIN CHANCEY's. CHANCEY has indicated to [redacted] an interest in [redacted]. However, [redacted] has been unable to get CHANCEY away from his home, [redacted].

[redacted] was available for CHANCEY to look at. It now appears questionable whether an Anonymous Source at CHANCEY's will be beneficial since he is no longer Organizational Secretary and since he has been relatively inactive in the CP in recent months.

[redacted] is the [redacted] and it is felt that, except for ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, [redacted] keeps the greater portion of the Ohio CP records. However, there appears little or no possibility of conducting an Anonymous Source at his home until some time this fall. His [redacted] most of the time.

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There has been a lack of CP meetings and CP affairs this summer, with the result that informants have furnished very little information leading to the identity of members.

The membership of the Ohio CP (area covered by Cleveland Office) is still estimated as 148 as set forth in the last quarterly report. However, there appears to be reasonable grounds for reducing this figure. The figure of 148 members is based on the 1959 dues payments of the Ohio CP, being 1994 payments for the Ohio CP. However, it is noted that 1959 was the year of the 17th Convention of the CPUSA, and it is known that dues payments were built as high as possible that year in an effort to make the Ohio CP entitled to as many delegates as possible, and also for the purpose of making KRCHMAREK, Ohio CP Chairman, look good. It is noted that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT claims that the Ohio CP has a reported membership of only 125. It is further noted that dues payments for the first half of the year 1959 totaled 666 (indicating an average membership of 111) whereas dues payments for the first half of 1960 totaled only 477 (indicating an average membership of only 79). This last dues figure of 477 will not be taken into account in future membership estimates for the reason that it results only from dues payments of 145 in January and 332 in March. No dues payments were shown for April, May or June.

This office will continue in its efforts to obtain membership information.

Estimated CP members in the Cleveland Division-----	148
Number of persons identified in past 45 days-----	7
Number of persons identified to date-----	90
Number of persons tentatively identified to date-----	41